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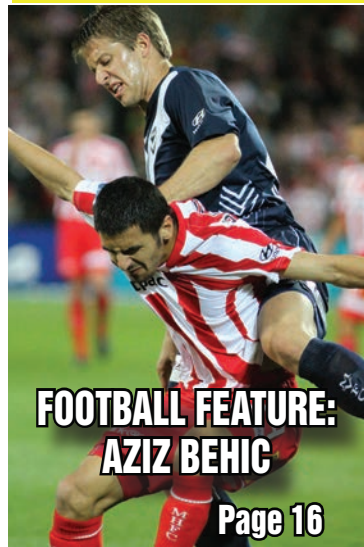
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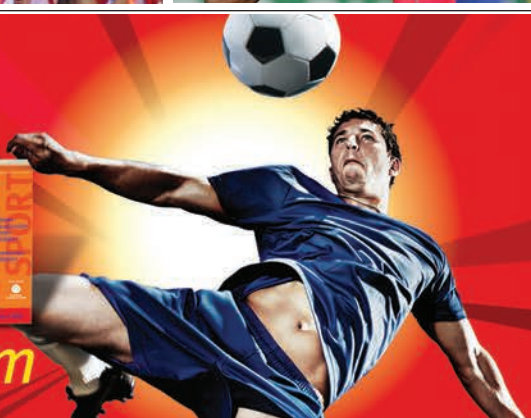


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Holger announces Squad for Sydney camp

Upcoming Match Details

AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Olympic Games – Third Round
Iraq v Qantas Australian U23s
Al Arabi Stadium, Doha, Qatar
Wednesday, 23 November
Kick-off: 5:15pm local
(1:15 am AEDT)

AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Olympic Games – Third Round
Qantas Australian U23s v Uzbekistan
Parramatta Stadium, Parramatta
Sunday, 27 November
Kick-off: 7:15pm (AEDT)

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Qantas Socceroos Head Coach Holger Osieck and Qantas Australian U23s Head Coach Aurelio Vidmar has announced a joint 31-player squad that will go into a two day training camp in Sydney next week (24-25th October 2011).

The purpose of the camp is for both Osieck and Vidmar to have a firsthand look at players who have the potential to play for the Qantas Socceroos and Qantas Australian U23s in the future.

In a similar vein to the training camp that was held in Germany earlier this year, Osieck is excited about the prospect of working with Australian-based players who may be in line for future selection as part of the Qantas Socceroos.

"The main aim of this camp is to have a closer look at the players that we have been monitoring from within the Hyundai A-League," said Osieck.



Mitch Nichols (Roar)

"It is important for us to have a personal look at these players to see if they are potential candidates to join the Qantas Socceroos for our qualification campaign.

"With such a long campaign, we are always looking for more



Ryan Griffiths (Jets)

depth to our squad and it's logical to see if these players from the Hyundai A-League can provide that depth.

"We held a similar camp in Duisburg earlier this year which was very beneficial and we will be looking to have similar camps in

the future," concluded Osieck

With the next AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Olympic Games against Iraq and Uzbekistan in late November, Aurelio Vidmar will also be using this opportunity to assess potential additions to his squad.

"We have added a number of players in this camp who are eligible for the Olympic qualifiers that have not been involved in our campaign so far.

"This camp is a good opportunity for us to work with those players to see if they can offer anything different to the current group of players," concluded Vidmar

The Qantas Australian U23s will travel to Qatar next month to face Iraq in the third round of the 2012 London Olympic Games Asian Qualifiers on the 23rd November. They will then travel back to Australia to face Uzbekistan four days later at Parramatta Stadium.

Training Camp Squad List

Terry ANTONIS Sydney FC
Aziz BEHICH Melbourne Heart
Luke BRATTAN Brisbane Roar
Zenon CARAVELLA Adelaide United
Ivan FRANJIC Brisbane Roar
Sam GALLAGHER Central Coast Mariners
Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk) Adelaide United
Antony GOLEC Adelaide United
Rostyn GRIFFITHS Central Coast Mariners
Ryan GRIFFITHS Newcastle Jets
Ben HALLORAN Gold Coast United
Brendan HAMILL Melbourne Heart
Jason HOFFMAN Melbourne Heart
James JEGGO Melbourne Victory
Ben KANTAROVSKI Newcastle Jets
Adrian LEIJER Melbourne Victory
Bradley McDONALD CC Mariners
Tahj MINNIECON Gold Coast United
Mitchell NICHOLS Brisbane Roar
Erik PAARTALU Brisbane Roar
Dimitri PETRATOS Sydney FC
Joshua RISDON Perth Glory
Joshua ROSE Central Coast Mariners
Mathew RYAN (gk) Central Coast Mariners
Milan SUSAK Adelaide United
Matthew SMITH Brisbane Roar
Adam TAGGART Perth Glory
Michael THEOKLITOS (gk) Brisbane Roar
Archie THOMPSON Melbourne Victory
Michael THWAITE Gold Coast United
David WILLIAMS Melbourne Heart

Nick Carle and Marcos Flores Named First Ever JWFF Ambassadors

The Johnny Warren Football Foundation is pleased to announce its first ever ambassadors, former Adelaide United star and reigning Johnny Warren medallist, Marcos Flores and current Sydney FC star and 2006/2007 Johnny Warren medallist, Nick Carle.

Flores and Carle will help promote the work of the Foundation throughout the country and abroad while working with the Foundation to help develop our programs. With both players winning the A-League's prestigious Johnny Warren Medal it is a good fit for the Foundation.

Lisa Middlebrook, CEO of the Foundation was excited about the announcement. "We are so pleased to bring these two wonderful players into our team. They are very dedicated to helping the Foundation achieve its goals and we are excited they want to give back to the game by working with the JWFF," said Middlebrook.

Meanwhile, Flores is thrilled to be working with the Foundation and continuing the legacy of Johnny Warren. "I regret not having the opportunity to meet Johnny, but one thing I am sure of is everything he said, lived and felt was for the good of the beautiful game."

"Without knowing his legacy in my



Sydney FC's new JWFF ambassador, Nicky Carle,

first months of being in Australia they spoke of him and I felt the emotion of his journey," added Flores.

Flores was a guest at the Foundation's Gala Dinner this year in Sydney and worked with the Foundation to help some of Western Sydney's most underprivileged kids. The clinic was a huge success and formed the basis for how the current Indigenous program runs.

Nick Carle was also thrilled, expressing a similar desire to help spread the word of the Foundation and keep Johnny's legacy alive, he said "the Foundation is doing some great work and I'm happy to be a part of something that Johnny would have loved."

Both ambassadors will be getting straight to work with a series of activities the first of which will see them attending an ambassador's luncheon with proceeds from the lunch going straight to the Foundation.

As part of his visit, Flores will attend a clinic for underprivileged Indigenous children in the Redfern area. All media are welcome to attend but must organise with the Foundation first.

For more information on the Foundation's ambassador luncheon or the clinics to be held, please contact the Foundation on 8116 9745 or at admin@jwff.com.au.

Newcastle Jets officially unveil Van Egmond, and welcome back Jeffers

The Newcastle Jets have officially announced that former coach Gary Van Egmond will be at the helm of the A-League club for the next two seasons.

The championship winning coach will replace the controversially sacked Branko Culina at the helm of the Jets and is looking forward to his second spell in charge of the club.

Chief Executive Robbie Middleby is equally excited and feels that the Jets have found the right man to lead the team forward in the future.

"We had a short-list of excellent applicants but in a purely objective process, Gary scored high in all the important criteria," Middleby said.

"On behalf of the Club, Members and supporters, we welcome him back to Newcastle."

Interim coach Craig Deans will be the man in the hot seat for this week's derby against the Mariners with Van Egmond to officially take over at the team's recovery session on Monday.

Former England International and Arsenal player Francis Jeffers will also return for another stint with the A-League club.

The Englishman first impressed last season in an 8 game guest stint, which coincided with the Jets going on a seven match unbeaten run.

All that needs to occur is for Jeffers to pass his medical which seems a

certainly and returning manager Van Egmond can't wait for his return.

"It is great news for our 10,000 plus Members and our supporters that we have been able to agree to terms with Francis Jeffers," van Egmond said.

Jeffers himself cannot wait for the opportunity to return to the club and continue his solid form from last season.

"I really enjoyed my time with Newcastle when I was there last," Jeffers said.

"I felt like I had enjoyed a great relationship with the fans and the people of Newcastle and I am looking forward to coming back and playing for them again.

If anything, Jeffers was disappointed that he left in the first place as he and the club could not reach an agreement at the time.

"I wanted to stay longer last time but it wasn't to be, but having recently reached an agreement with the Club the opportunity to return is finally here."

The news of the signings will come as a massive boost to the fans and the players as they prepare for Sunday's crucial F3 derby with the Central Coast Mariners.

A crowd of over 15,000 is expected at Ausgrid Stadium for the game with the new manager to be watching from the stands.

- SHAUN DYAS



Van Egmond back at the Jets

Young Matildas valiant in defeat

For the Westfield Young Matildas, although results did not sway their way, the squad can still take a great deal away from the AFC U19 Women's Championships, departing Vietnam with only one win out of five games.

The Korean Republic side snatch the three points with 4 goals to 2, therefore securing their 4th place, whilst the Westfield Young Matildas finish 5th with only 3 points from their initial win against Vietnam.

The Westfield Young Matildas will now return home to their respective Westfield W-League clubs to begin preparation for the upcoming season which begins this weekend.

Group Standings

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
DPR Korea	5	4	0	1	13	3	10	12
Japan	4	3	1	0	7	3	4	10
China	5	2	2	1	7	8	-1	8
Korea Rep	5	2	1	2	11	9	2	7
Australia	5	1	0	4	7	12	-5	3
Vietnam	4	0	0	4	5	15	-10	0

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TABLE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Brisbane Roar FC	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
2 Perth Glory FC	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
3 Wellington Phoenix FC	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	4
4 Adelaide United FC	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
5 Newcastle Jets FC	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
6 Gold Coast United FC	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
7 Central Coast Mariners	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
8 Melbourne Victory FC	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
9 Sydney FC	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
10 Melbourne Heart FC	2	0	0	2	3	5	-2	0

THIS WEEK	Week 3	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
	Fri 21 Oct 2011	Brisbane Roar v Gold Coast United	Suncorp Stadium	7:30pm	8:30pm
	Sat 22 Oct 2011	Adelaide United v Sydney FC	Hindmarsh Stadium	5:00pm	5:30pm
	Sat 22 Oct 2011	Melbourne Victory v Melbourne Heart	Etihad Stadium	7:45pm	7:45pm
	Sun 23 Oct 2011	Newcastle Jets v Central Coast Mariners	Ausgrid Stadium	5:00pm	5:00pm
	Sun 23 Oct 2011	Perth Glory v Wellington Phoenix	nib Stadium	4:30pm	7:30pm

NEXT WEEK	Week 4	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
	Fri 28 Oct 2011	Brisbane Roar v Adelaide United	Suncorp Stadium	7:00pm	8:00pm
	Sat 29 Oct 2011	Central Coast Mariners v Perth Glory	Bluetongue Stadium	5:30pm	5:30pm
	Sat 29 Oct 2011	Melbourne Heart v Sydney FC	AAMI Park	7:45pm	7:45pm
	Sun 30 Oct 2011	Wellington Phoenix v Melbourne Victory	Westpac Stadium	4:30pm	2:30pm
	Sun 30 Oct 2011	Gold Coast United v Newcastle Jets	Skilled Park	4:00pm	5:00pm

ROUND 02 RESULTS

Adelaide United FC 1 (van Dijk 52')
Melbourne Victory 0
Referee: Ben Williams
Hindmarsh Stadium
Crowd: 14,573

Melbourne Heart 1 (David WIL-
LIAMS, pen 45+2') **Perth Glory**
2 (Shane SMELTZ 34', 68')
AAMI Park, Melbourne
Referee: Gerard Parsons
Attendance: 7,229

CENTRAL COAST MARINERS 1 (Zwaanswijk 87')
GOLD COAST UNITED 1 (Brown 47')
Blutongue Stadium
Referee: Peter O'Leary
Crowd: 10,374

Wellington Phoenix 2 (Tim
BROWN 19', DANIEL 61')
Newcastle Jets 0
Westpac Stadium, Wellington
Referee: Matt Gillett

Sydney FC 0
Brisbane Roar 2 (Berisha 42', Broich 72')
Sydney Football Stadium
Referee: Strebre Delovski
Crowd: 15,789

TOP GOAL SCORERS

2 - Ryan Griffiths
(Jets), Mate Dugandzic
(Heart),
Shane Smeltz (Glory),
James brown (Gold
Coast).



Last year's Golden Boot winner
Serge van Dijk (AUFC) opens his
season account against Victory.

A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND 2

Compiled by Steven Talevski



Michael Theoklitos – The Brisbane number one made a great save by taping the ball over the crossbar from a Terry Antonis chip to keep a clean sheet away from home.

Ivan Franjic – The full back had another good 90 minutes to show why he was named in last seasons All Star A-League team.

Patrick Zwaanswijk – Wore the captain's armband for the Mariners in the absence of Alex Wilkinson and battled hard all game which was rewarded with a late equaliser against the Gold Coast.

Andrew Durante – Wellington's captain led the defence to allow Phoenix debutant Tony Warner to have a quiet day at the office and a comfortable clean sheet.

Milan Susak – The former Roar man played out a solid ninety minutes in front of his new home to help the reds keep Harry Kewell quiet and the Victory goalless.

Erik Paartalu – The big central midfielder sat well in front of the back four while being able to attack and play a part in Brisbane's

first goal.

Daniel Cortes – The Brazilian came off the bench for an injured Paul Ifill and provided the Phoenix with an impressive performance down the wing that was capped off with a goal.

Dario Vidosic – The 24 year old impressed in his first A-League showing for the reds and was a consistent danger in attack against the Victory.

Thomas Broich – The German continues to deliver with a well taken goal from the edge of the penalty area to top off another great performance.

Shane Smeltz – The prolific striker punished the Heart defence with a great double to help Perth to an away win.

Sergio van Dijk – Just like Smeltz, Van Dijk punished the opposition's defence as a poor pass from Melbourne's Fabio lead to a terrific first touch strike from the Adelaide striker.

Star Man

Shane Smeltz
Glory



The Perth Glory striker scored his 50th and 51st A-League goals last weekend to help his team to three rare away points. His double came from his only two shots in the match to take him only two goals behind all-time A-League top goal scorer Archie Thompson. In Smeltz, Perth has seemed to find a new goal poacher they haven't had since the likes of Damien Mori and Bobby Despotovski.

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Melbourne Victory

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Match Details

Adelaide United FC 1 (van Dijk 52')
Melbourne Victory 0
Referee: Ben Williams
Crowd: 14,573 @ Hindmarsh Stadium

Adelaide United: 1.Eugene Galekovic (Gk), 2.Osama Malik, 4.Jon McKain (C), 6.Cassio, 7.Zenon Caravella, 8.Evgeniy Levchenko, 9.Sergio Van Dijk, 10.Dario Vidusic (11.Bruce Djite 87'), 16.Spase Dilevski (21.Francisco Usucar 85'), 22.Milan Susak, 23.Andy Slory (17.Iain Ramsay 76')

Substitutes Not Used: 20.Mark Birighitti (Gk)
Yellow Cards: Slory 28'
Red Cards: Nil

Melbourne Victory: 21.Ante Covic (Gk), 2.Matthew Foschini, 3.Fabio, 6.Leigh Broxham, 8.Grant Brebner (13.Diogo Ferreira 78'), 10.Archie Thompson (9.Jean Carlos Solorzano 68'), 11.Marco Rojas (19.Isaka Cernak 68'), 12.Rodrigo Vargas, 16.Carlos Hernandez, 22.Harry KEWELL, 23.Adrian LEIJER (c)

Substitutes not used: 20.Lawrence THOMAS (gk)
Yellow Cards: Leijer 28'/55', Kewell 83'
Red Cards: Leijer 55'

SWEET VICTORY FOR REDS

By Nat Adamopoulos

Adelaide United FC has responded from its opening weekend disappointment in the best way possible by defeating Melbourne Victory 1-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Inspired by the debut performance of Dario Vidusic, the Reds made it three wins in succession against the Victory, Sergio van Dijk netting the winner and his first of the season in the 52nd minute.

Van Dijk's breakthrough came just minutes before Melbourne were restricted to ten men following the send off of captain Adrian Leijer for a second bookable offence. The Reds then used their extra player advantage to turn the screws as they produced some sublime interplay in the attacking third during a period that could have stretched their lead.

However, with the likes of Harry Kewell, Archie Thompson, Marco Rojas and Carlos Hernandez, the Victory were always going to threaten and were not without their chances in a tense 90 minutes.

But led by captain Jon McKain, who was awarded the Kosmina/Muscat medal, and ably supported in the centre of defence by Milan Susak, the Reds stood tall and defended stoutly as a unit to keep the Victory scoreless.

With their first three points of the season safely in the bank, Head Coach Rini Coolen was delighted with his team's turnaround from the loss to Perth just five days earlier.

"We spent a lot of time in just a couple of days fixing a few problems and I think the boys showed some very good important things today – their effort and what you need to win a game like this," Coolen said.



Adelaide United's Serge van Dijk pounces on a stray pass and pulls the trigger to score a precious winner against arch rivals Melbourne Victory. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

"Not everything was perfect and we still have to improve but we were hungry to win today and if you play a home game like that, it makes everybody happy and that's how you prefer to see your team playing."

"We could mention a lot of players who did well but I think the team was the winner today, and also the crowd, I think they definitely saw a good football game and for us it was fantastic that we kept the three points here."

Coolen made two changes to the starting eleven, Osama Malik given his first start

for the club, filling in at right back, while Vidusic made his first Hyundai A-League appearance for the Reds, Bruce Djite making taking up a spot on the bench.

The match lived up to the hype in a typically lively opening, the Reds with two corners in the opening five minutes before the first shot of the match came from the boot of Andy Slory, the Dutchman's long range effort flying high and wide of the mark.

The game was being played at a frenetic pace, and Victory keeper Ante Covic was almost left red faced on 14 minutes when

he spilt a regulation ball that went closer than comfort to his goal line.

It was an evidently more urgent United outfit than last week, although they were made to soak up a favourable period for the Victory, Susak making a crucial tackle to stop Thompson in his tracks when he was seemingly clear in the penalty area.

The closest either side came in the opening half was through McKain in the 34th minute as he tried to nod on Evgeniy Levchenko's header, the ball just palmed away in time by Covic.

Van Dijk, who had been in an intriguing

Match Stats		
0	Saves	7
9	Attempts on target	1
12	Attempts off target	3
53%	Possession	47%
6	Corners	3
1	Offsides	2
11	Fouls committed	12

battle with Leijer, then broke the deadlock in the 52nd minute. A slow square ball from Melbourne's Brazilian left back Fabio failed to find its intended target in Rodrigo Vargas and van Dijk pounced in typically ruthless fashion, slamming his first time drive past Covic to the raptures of the United faithful.

It then got worse for the Victory as Leijer was given his marching orders, Vidusic then almost catching the Melbourne defence napping from the resultant free kick but he sprayed the chance over the crossbar.

Slory was the next to go close when he appeared destined to score courtesy of a clever layoff by van Dijk, but the end result landed straight into the arms of Covic from just inside the penalty spot. The Dutch duo was at it again moments later, van Dijk curling a sublime effort into the woodwork.

With a second goal eluding them, the Reds were made to fight until the end to hang onto their lead, Susak denying substitute Jean Carlos Solorzano a golden chance to draw Melbourne level with another perfectly timed slide tackle.

Hernandez had Adelaide hearts in mouths late on with a curling shot that flashed just wide, the final whistle music to the ears of Coolen and the majority of the 14,573 fans in attendance.



Victory captain Adrian Leijer goes into the referee's book and ultimately ends up having an early bath. Photo: ADAM BUTLER



The City Of Churches erupts after their prayers are answered, and Adelaide United collects its first three points for the season. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

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Match Details

Central Coast Mariners 1
(Zwaanswijk 87')
Gold Coast 1 (Brown 47')
Referee: Peter O'LEARY
Crowd: 10,374
Venue: Bluetongue Stadium, Gosford

Central Coast Mariners:
1. Mathew RYAN (GK), 3. Joshua ROSE, 4. Pedj BOJIC, 5. Bradley PORTER, 6. Patrick ZWAANSWIJK (C), 8. Rostyn GRIFFITHS, 10. Adriano PELLEGRINO, (17. Michael BAIRD 70'), 11. Oliver BOZANIC, 14. Michael MCGLINCHHEY, (12. Troy HEARFIELD 70') 19. Matt SIMON, 23. Adam KWASNIK (9. Bernie IBINI 57')

Subs not Used: 20. Justin PASFIELD (GK)
Yellow Cards: Griffiths 36', McGlinchey 47'
Red Cards: None

Gold Coast United:
1. Glen MOSS (GK), 3. Michael THWAITE (C), 6. Paul BEEKMANS, 8. ROBSON, (9. Joel PORTER 74'), 12. Dylan MACALLISTER, (5. Kristian REES 90 + 4'), 13. Ante ROZIC, 14. Ben HALLORAN, (2. Joshua BRILLANTES 89') 15. Adama TRAORE, 18. James BROWN, 22. Peter JUNGSLAGER, 23. Dylan MCGOWAN

Subs not Used: 20. Jerrad TYSON (GK)
Yellow Cards: Robson 43', Macallister 63', Beekmans 71', Rozic 75'
Red Cards: None

Mariners salvage late point

By Adrian Deans

A strangely tentative Central Coast took 80 minutes to get desperate on Saturday night but managed to salvage a point three minutes from time after captain Patrick Zwaanswijk's towering header eluded Glen Moss to sneak under the crossbar.

The Mariners barely deserved to get anything out of the game. They had the best of the opening 20 minutes but for all their early dominance had only one meaningful shot when Pedj Bojic found Matt Simon on the corner of the box in the 9th minute. Simon's first time shot was headed for the bottom right corner but was superbly saved by Glen Moss.

After that, the Mariners huffed and puffed around the Gold Coast third but couldn't manage a clear shot. The speed and directness of play from last year was entirely missing. Every time the wide men had a chance to get in behind the defence, they would cut back inside, allowing the Gold Coast to get back in shape. Then, when the Gold Coast started to press further up the park, the Mariners got sloppy and couldn't keep possession.

To some extent the Gold Coast were assisted in the first half by a very permissive referee O'Leary who allowed several dangerous looking challenges but then incurred the wrath of the home crowd when the first time a Mariners player went in hard and late he wound up in the book.

For whatever reason, the Mariners allowed the Gold Coast to take control and looked likely to pay for their early generosity in the 32nd minute when James Brown's excellent cross forced an error on the far post by Bojic, presenting an easy chance to Ben Halloran, who scooped over when closed down by Mat Ryan.

Apart from that, it was a fairly subdued first half. Let us never speak of it again.

The game desperately needed a goal to spark it into action, but to the dismay of the home fans it was scored by the visitors. The fans had hardly taken their seats for



Gold Coast keeper Matthew Ryan is at full stretch but is unable to prevent Patrick Zwaanswijk's goal-bound looping header. Photo: KAREN DOUGLAS

Match Stats			GOLD COAST
2	Saves	1	
7	Attempts on target	4	
2	Attempts off target	5	
59%	Possession	41%	
4	Corners	2	
2	Offsides	3	
10	Fouls committed	10	

of getting him into the clear with the ball at his feet, but there was no evidence of any concerted effort to make that happen and the crowd's frustration increased.

With time ticking away, the Mariners finally started to press and clearly dominated the last ten minutes with the Gold Coast just trying to hang on to their lead. After a series of corners, the Mariners finally got lucky. A cleared corner fell to Bojic, whose far post cross was met by a magnificent leap by Zwaanswijk, and Moss couldn't scramble quick enough to keep the looping header out of the far top corner.

A draw was hard on the Gold Coast, who were probably the better team over 90 minutes. The Mariners' defence was strong enough, but they must recover their attacking mojo if they are to have any success this year. They desperately need Mustafa Amini fit and firing. The runs into the inside channels were being made yesterday but Pellegrino, Bozanic and McGlinchey were unable to find the runners who were so regularly served with goal fodder by Perez and Amini last year.

That kind of talent is valuable. No wonder Amini's been bought by Borussia Dortmund.

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Central Coast's Oliver Bozanic ponders his next move as Gold Coast's Dylan McGowan is on his toes and ready to react. Photo: KAREN DOUGLAS

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Sydney FC**0****Brisbane Roar****2**

Match Details

Sydney FC 0
Brisbane Roar 2 (Berisha 42', Broich 72')
Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney
Referee: Strebre Delovski
Crowd: 15,789

Sydney FC: 1. Liam Reddy, 3. Jamie Coyne, 4. Pascal Bosschaart, 5. Michael Beauchamp, 7. Brett Emerton, 8. Karol Kisel, 9. Bruno Cazarine (11. Dimi Petratos 61'), 10. Nick Carle, 15. Terry McFlynn (capt)(23 Rhyan Grant 72'), 17. Terry Antonis, 21. Scott Jamieson

Substitutes not used: 2. Sebastian Ryall, 12. Shannon Cole, 20. Ivan Neceveski, Yellow cards: McFlynn (12'), Jameison (44')

Red cards: Nil

Brisbane Roar : 1. Michael Theoklitos (GK), 2. Matt Smith (capt), 3. Shane Stefanutto, 4. Matt Jurman (16. Mohamed Adnan 88'), 5. Ivan Franjic, 6. Erik Paarlatu, 7. Besart Berisha, 11. Issey Nakajima-Farran (8. Massimo Muroccca 69'), 17. Mitch Nichols, 21. James Meyer (9. Kofi Danning 67'), 22. Thomas Broich

Substitutes not used: 20. Andrew Redmayne (GK)
Yellow cards: Nichols (40')
Red cards: Nil

By Jarrod Ellis

Last season's champions continued their impressive start to the 2011/12 season, outclassing Sydney FC at the Sydney Football Stadium to win 2-0.

Sydney were determined to make an impression in their first home game and had a chance early, Nick Carle finding himself free on the left but choosing to cut the ball back rather than shoot, thereby allowing Brisbane to avert the danger. James Meyer responded at the other end, testing former Brisbane keeper Liam Reddy with his left foot. Brisbane weathered the early Sydney pressing and settled into the ascendancy. Reddy was well placed to hold a back-post header from Erik Paartalu following a rehearsed Brisbane corner on 18 minutes; at the other end, Bruno Cazarine missed an excellent chance, volleying over the bar from close range following confusion in the Brisbane box.

On 25 minutes Carle pulled off the sort of pass that the fans have come to expect of him, a delightful reverse ball into the path of Terry Antonis' diagonal run; the youngster forced Michael Theoklitos to tip the ball over the bar. Brisbane, despite their domination of possession, were looking distinctly rattled at times.

Bruno Cazarine raced onto another through-ball from Carle in the 38th minute, and a desperate clearance was needed from Ivan Franjic. The initiative had quite palpably changed hands, and Franjic was called into action again when a superb diagonal pass from Antonis almost reached an onrushing Brett Emerton on the right.

Against the run of the play, Brisbane scored the opening goal on 42 min-



Brisbane Roar's Besart Berish makes a smooth transition to the A-League and scores the first goal for his new club. Photo: GEOFF JONES

utes.

Some intricate play from the away side on the left saw the ball reach Paartalu; letting fly with his left foot, the Brisbane midfield anchorman forced an unsighted Reddy into a one-handed save, but Besart Berisha was on hand to tap home the rebound.

The Roar almost scored a second as the first half entered added time, an insidious pass from Thomas Broich releasing Meyer, whose angled shot dribbled just wide of the far post.

The second half began with another golden chance for Sydney. Broich, uncharacteristically casual in the Brisbane midfield, gave the ball away in his own third, and in the ensuing play Cazarine released Carle perfectly on the right. Sydney's No.10 was on his wrong foot, however, and Theoklitos managed to force him wide to smother the chance.

Paartalu headed wide from a half-cleared corner on 52 minutes, and a good interchange between Mitch Nich-

ols and Meyer resulted in a chance for the former some three minutes later, Reddy using his body to good effect to save. Some fluency was returning to Brisbane's play.

Dimitri Petratos came on for Cazarine, as Vitezslav Lavicka attempted to spark Sydney's attack into renewed life. Ange Postecoglou made a positive move of his own, introducing former Sydney player Kofi Danning to replace a tiring Meyer. On too came the hard-running Massimo Muroccca, replacing



Match Stats

4	Saves	2
4	Attempts on target	7
4	Attempts off target	6
41%	Possession	59%
7	Corners	8
8	Offsides	1
16	Fouls committed	8

a strangely ineffectual Issay Nakajima-Farran.

It was the pace of Danning on the right that brought Brisbane the clincher on 71 minutes. A neat pass from Nichols gave the substitute the freedom of the right touchline, and a sharp cutback was dummed by two Brisbane players before Thomas Broich's powerful right foot fired the ball past Reddy and into the far corner of the Sydney goal.

Brisbane's slick possession football was now utterly dominant, and only some over-elaboration in the box prevented Postecoglou's men from adding to their score, as the Sydney heads dropped. Emerton had the chance to make up for a very disappointing night on 83 minutes when he received the ball on the edge of the Brisbane box following some aerial pinball, but he sent a feeble shot straight at Theoklitos.

In the final minute of normal time Petratos finally worked his way in behind the Brisbane defence, but his right-footed cross-shot failed to bring Theoklitos into action. It was the last attempt of note, and Brisbane could look back on an evening's work well done.

Winless Sydney now head to Adelaide for a daunting clash with a side gelling quickly, while Brisbane will try to make it three from three against Gold Coast United at home on Friday.



Brett Emerton on the ball for Sydney FC as Roar's Thomas Broich gives chase. Photo: GEOFF JONES



Roar's James Meyer anticipates the advances of Sydney FC's Scott Jamieson. Photo: GEOFF JONES

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Match Details

Wellington Phoenix 2
(Tim BROWN 19', DANIEL 61')
Newcastle Jets 0
Westpac Stadium, Wellington
Crowd: 7,623
Referee: Matt Gillett
AR 1/2: Glen Lochrie/Jan Hendrik Hintz
4th official: Matthew Conger

Wellington Phoenix:
20 Tony Warner; 2 Manny Muscat; 3 Tony Lochhead; 4 Tim Brown; 7 Leo Bertos; 8 Paul Ifill (11 Daniel Cortesi 14'); 9 Chris Greenacre; 12 Nicky Ward; 18 Ben Sigmund; 21 Dani Sanchez (24 Alex Smith 84'); 22 Andrew Durante.

Yellow cards: Muscat, Lochhead
Red cards: Brown, Ward.

Newcastle Jets:
1. Ben Kennedy, 4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley, 5. Tiago Calvano, 6. Ben Kantarovski, 7. Kasey Wehrman (2 Taylor Regan 80'), 8. Jeremy Brockie (17 James Virgili 68'), 11. Tarek Elrich, 12. Jobe Wheelhouse (c), 13. Sung-Hwan Byun, 18. Marko Jelic (22 Ali Abbas 56'), 19. Matthew Nash, 23. Ryan Griffiths

Yellow cards: None
Red cards: None

WARD RED CARD RESCINDED

Wellington Phoenix midfielder Nicky Ward has been cleared to play against Perth on Sunday.
Ward was shown a straight red card by referee Matt Gillett in the closing stages of the Phoenix 2-0 win over Newcastle Jets, ruling that the player had fouled to prevent a clear scoring opportunity.
The Phoenix appealed, believing the referee had made an error in that there were other defenders between the Jets player and the goal.
The Hyundai A-League match review panel met in Sydney on Monday and upheld the club's appeal. The red card was rescinded leaving Ward free to play against Perth.
Phoenix coach Ricki Herbert said he was pleased for the player and the club.

Yellow Fever tainted by reds

By Joe Gallagher

Wellington Phoenix built upon their unbeaten run at Westpac Stadium in bossing Newcastle Jets to a 2-0 win in Wellington on Sunday.

It was a result the Phoenix fully deserved despite finishing the match with nine men in a match that saw midfielders Nick Ward and Tim Brown sent off late in the second half.

Wellington went into half time a goal up courtesy of a Tim Brown header in the 18th minute and will have felt they should have improved their advantage in the second half with golden chances falling twice to player-coach Chris Greenacre, Daniel and replacement striker Alex Smith.

But it was the Brazilian Daniel, who excelled for Wellington all afternoon after replacing Paul Ifill in the fifteenth minute who scored a deserved goal on the hour mark to secure the three points for the Phoenix.

In an uneventful first half the Phoenix took the lead three minutes after Ifill's substitution when Brown's glancing header to a delightful Nick Ward cross beat Ben Kennedy in the Jets goal. It was a goal they deserved and – even at such an early point – it looked as though Jets were going to struggle to get back into the match.

Greenacre spurned a glorious opportunity to double their lead moments after the restart after his shot found Newcastle keeper Kennedy. But Wellington continued to press forward, seemingly learning the lesson for sitting on a one goal advantage they had learnt the hard way last weekend on the Gold Coast.

And it was no surprise that they did in fact add to their lead after 62 minutes, Daniel touching in a Tony Lochhead cross after good interplay on the left wing with Leo Bertos.

Greenacre opted to slide the ball across goal towards Dani Sanchez with the goal seemingly at his mercy with a quarter of an hour gone but the drama for Wellington occurred in the final ten minutes with both Ward and Brown dismissed in dubious circumstances.

Ward was the first with eight minutes of normal time remaining, judged to have been the last defender after hauling down Ryan Griffiths when Wellington appeared to have defenders in the penalty area. Only five minutes later Tim Brown was marched for a second

booking for time wasting. Ricki Herbert will feel aggrieved that the two cards came in such quick succession and that two of his men will be absent from a thin looking midfield (already missing the services of Vince Lia to suspension) in the road trip to Perth.

In stoppage time loan signing Alex Smith blasted wide but by then the three points were secure and attention had focused to how Wellington will plug the glaring gaps in their squad, facing one of the toughest away trips in world professional sport. Smith will likely partner Manny Muscat in the heart of midfield, who was again excellent at right back for the New Zealanders. Daniel will have done enough to have replace Ifill next week against the Glory – delivering quality ball all afternoon to Greenacre, who will be disappointed not to have scored.

Ricki Herbert will be very pleased with the performances of Daniel, Muscat and Bertos in particular. Bertos running at defenders with pace had become a foreign concept to the Yellow Fever after an injury-plagued last season. Daniel's delivery was superb and Muscat (with Andrew Durante, Ben Sigmund and Lochhead) looked relatively untroubled at the back.

Craig Deans on the other hand will be scratching his head after adopting a side who fell to pieces after defeating Melbourne Heart in week one. His side will need to drastically improve to avoid a repeat performance in the local derby against Central Coast next Sunday.

They were outmuscled and outplayed by a Phoenix side who should have been weakened by the early loss of Ifill. Instead, their best opportunity fell to Sung-Hwan Byun with only five minutes to play, volleying just over Warner's goal.

They were quite poor in an afternoon wherein their most memorable moments could have been the dismissals of Wellington's midfield.

Phoenix will quite possibly appeal against the two red cards but they are looking like they will have to overcome a very shallow squad, a frustration compounded by the fans' hearing of the news midweek that their new owners are in no rush to bring any big names into the club.

But they have witnessed their first win; their side have picked up their first three points of the season and now sit second on the A-League ladder behind champions Brisbane Roar. Their hopes will be that much higher than their Novocastrian counterparts, now looking towards a clash with traditional foes the Mariners at Ausgrid.

Only time will tell but today's performances indicate that Wellington may be capable of shrugging off their wooden spoon's tag – the Jets, perhaps, in their place.

	Match Stats	
1	Saves	4
6	Attempts on target	1
10	Attempts off target	5
46%	Possession	54%
6	Corners	3
5	Offsides	2
11	Fouls committed	10



Gold Coast United players rejoice after James Brown hit a sweet strike to salvage a valuable opening day point. Photo: ADRIAN GAGLIONE



United's Dylan MacAllister and Peter Jungschlager surround Dani Sanchez. Photo: ADRIAN GAGLIONE



Phoenix's Nick Ward has had his red car overturned. Photo: PETER McDONALD

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Match Details

Melbourne Heart 1
(David Williams, Pen 45+2')
Perth Glory 2 (Shane Smeltz 34', 68') 2
AAMI Park, Melbourne
Referee: Gerard Parsons
Assistant Referees: Luke Brennan/
George Lackrindis
4th Official: Alex Azcurra
Attendance: 7,229

Melbourne Heart
24. Nikola Roganovic; 2. Michael
Marrone; 5. Fred (22. Nick Kalmar 35');
6. Matt Thompson; 9. Maycon, 10.
Wayne Sroj (3. Brendan Hamill 70');
11. Alex Terra, 15. David Williams; 16.
Aziz Behich; 18. Curtis Good; 23. Mate
Dugandzic

Unused Substitutes: 30. Sebastian
Mattei; 13 Jonatan Germano
Yellow Cards: Alex Terra 32'; Curtis
Good 38'
Red Cards: Nil

Perth Glory:
1.Danny Vukovic; 3.Bas Van Den Brink;
4.Billy Mehmet; 6.Chris Coyne; 7.Jacob
Burns; 9.Shane Smeltz; 10.Liam
Miller; 12.Scott Neville; 13.Travis Dodd;
17.Todd Howarth; 27.Andrezinho (14.
Steven McGarry 64').

Unused Substitutes: 15.Tommy
Amphlett; 19.Josh Risdon; 30 Lewis
Italiano
Yellow Cards: 10 Liam Miller 56'
Red Cards: Nil

Smeltz makes Heart pay

By Daniel Quinn

Perth Glory continued on from last week's win over Adelaide with a 2-1 victory over Melbourne Heart at AAMI Park on Sunday afternoon.

Melbourne Heart made one change from last week's win over Newcastle Jets with Alex Terra coming in for Jason Hoffman who came down with food poisoning on the morning of the game. Perth Glory also made one change with Chris Coyne coming in for Josh Mitchell after their win over Adelaide Utd.

Heart had the first chance with Brazilian forward Maycon missing a header after a brilliant Behich cross on 2 minutes. Mate Dugandzic started to run the show when he played through David Williams before Scott Neville's perfect tackle saved the Glory. On 15 minutes Wayne Sroj also had a header cleared off the line.

Perth Glory didn't really have any chances until 33 minutes in when Miller's free kick was headed by Bas Van Den Brink, only for a Heart deflection to put it out for a corner. One minute later on 34 minutes Liam Miller again put in a brilliant ball into the box where Shane Smeltz headed the opening goal. Matt Thompson would feel responsible for the lack of marking at the far post.

Melbourne Heart tried to reply immediately with Alex Terra coming close with a overhead kick after a Chris Coyne miss-kick. Mate Dugandzic yet again with the initial cross. Melbourne Heart got that equaliser with David Williams converting from the spot after Chris Coyne grabbed a handful of Maycon's shirt in the box. Danny Vukovic went the right way but Williams had too much power on it to make the game equal at 1-1.

The second-half took some time to get going with Curtis Good having a decent header saved on 61 minutes. 6 minutes later Shane Smeltz capitalized on yet another Matt Thompson mistake to make it 2-1 to the away side. Thompson was pressured into the by-line only

to attempt to pass back to Nicola Roganovic. Smeltz intercepted a superbly finished into the top right hand corner.

Melbourne Heart had a great opportunity to equalise on 76 minutes through Nick Kalmer as he fired over the top. Two minutes later Liam Miller had a huge chance to end the home side's chances when he danced passed two Heart defenders to have his shot saved by Nikola Roganovic.

Heart pushed numbers forward late on with Curtis Good moving up front to add more presence in the air as the long balls were pumped into the box. Glory defended well with Van Den Brink having a great game who was vital for the visitors.

2-1 it finished with Glory taking the points back to Perth and sitting nicely on top of the table with two wins out of two. This was the first time a winner was found between these two in their short history.

Melbourne Heart compete in the Melbourne Derby next week on Saturday night at Etihad Stadium against the struggling Victory. Melbourne Heart stay bottom of the table with Victory only two places above in 8th and after struggling against Adelaide on Friday night the derby would be even more important for both sides. Perth Glory take on Wellington Phoenix at home at NIB Stadium on Sunday evening and with Wellington's poor away record and the long trip to Perth they would feel confident of making it three wins out of three.

M	Match Stats	PERTH GLORY
1	Saves	1
2	Attempts on target	3
7	Attempts off target	2
63%	Possession	37%
4	Corners	7
1	Offsides	4
20	Fouls committed	20



Glory sharp-shooter Shane Smeltz secures three valuable away points with exquisite finishing, and duly celebrates in style. Photo: DANIEL FLIS



Nikola Roganovic tries in vain to keep Shane Smetlz's far post header from finding the net. Photo: DANIEL FLIS



Heart new-boy David Williams makes no mistake with his spot kick to put the home side back on level terms. Photo: DANIEL FLIS

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- 1. Michael Theoklitos (Gk)
- 2. Matt Smith (Capt.)
- 3. Shane Stefanutto
- 4. Matt Jurman
- 5. Ivan Franjic
- 6. Erik Paaratlu
- 7. Besart Berisha
- 8. Massimo Muroccca
- 9. Kofi Danning
- 10. Henrique
- 11. Issey Nakajima-Farran
- 16. Mohamed Adnan
- 17. Mitch Nichols
- 20. Andrew Redmayne
- 21. James Meyer
- 22. Thomas Broich
- *one to be omitted*

In: Henrique (Promoted)
Out: Nil
Unavailable: 12. Matt Mundy (Knee Injury – 2 Weeks), 14. Rocky Visconte (Hamstring Strain – 2 Weeks)

Brisbane Roar v Gold Coast United

Fri 21 Oct Suncorp Stdm 8:30pm

By Jarrod Ellis

401 days. 57 weeks. 30 games. No matter how you look at it it's been a long time since Brisbane Roar and their fans experienced the taste of defeat.

Having started the new season with two impressive wins some are asking just what it will take for the men in orange to be beaten. However with local pride on the line this weekend in the M1 Derby there's every possibility that Brisbane could find themselves on the wrong side of the scoresheet for the first time in over a year.

In the build-up to this Friday's match Miron Bleiberg has claimed that United are on a "mission" to end the Roar's record unbeaten streak, which stretched to 30 matches after their 2-0 win over Sydney FC last weekend.

Like the Roar, Gold Coast also have an unblemished record this season, unbeaten but with just two points to show for their efforts, recording their second successive 1-1 draw last Saturday against Central Coast Mariners.

The M1 Derby has been a one-sided affair to date, United losing just one of six encounters, as well as inflicting a 5 -1 mauling two years ago which is affectionately known to Gold Coast's faithful as the "Boxing Day Massacre".

However the previous encounter between these two clubs was just as



The Battle of Queensland

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 6): Brisbane Roar wins 1, Gold Coast United wins 3 (2 draws)
Odds: Roar 1.55 Draw 3.85 United 7.50

one-sided an affair. Struggling with injuries and facing uncertainty over the club's future, United were crushed 4-0 by a Brisbane team celebrating claiming the Premiers Plate.

If United are to exact revenge upon their rivals for that defeat then they'll need to put together a solid defensive effort and look to take advantage of a Brisbane defence that has looked vulnerable on the counter, something that Sydney and Central Coast failed to do.

United will need to pay special attention to the swift and agile Thomas Broich who has proved time and time again that he is one of the country's

finest imports.

With no signs yet of Broich experiencing an A-League "sophomore slump" his ability to run at opponents and play defence splitting passes will be of big concern to Gold Coast and they'll need to make sure the German's influence is kept to a minimum if the visitors are indeed going to break the Roar's run.

The play of James Brown has been a highlight for Gold Coast in the opening two rounds however it's the likely debut of Dutch import and former Blackburn Rovers striker Maceo Rigers that has generated most of the pre-match buzz for United.

Having had to sit out the first two rounds of the season due to problems with his visa the Dutch striker is expected to finally take to the field and by all reports is relishing the prospect of snapping Brisbane's unbeaten run.

Brisbane's defence has looked shaky at times over opening two games and the combination of Brown and Rigers might bring them unstuck. The home side will need to be on form but should fancy their chances to come out on top.

Kiss of Death
Roar 3-1 Gold Coast



Line Ups

- 1.Glen MOSS [gk]
- 2.Josh BRILLANTE
- 3.Michael THWAITE (c)
- 5.Kristian REES
- 6.Paul BEEKMANS
- 7.Golgol MEBRAHTU
- 8.ROBSON
- 9.Joel PORTER
- 10.Tahj MINNIECON
- 12.Dylan MACALLISTER
- 13.Ante ROZIC
- 14.Ben HALLORAN
- 15.Adama TRAORE
- 16.Maceo RIGTERS
- 18.James BROWN
- 20.Jerrad TYSON [gk]
- 21.Daniel SEVERINO
- 22.Peter JUNGSCHLAGER
- 23.Dylan MCGOWAN.
- *four to be omitted*

In: 7. Golgol MEBRAHTU (promoted), 10. Tahj MINNIECON (promoted), 16. Maceo RIGTERS (visa clearance), 21. Daniel SEVERINO (promoted).
Out: Nil
Unavailable: 19. Chris BROAD-FOOT (ankle injury – 6 weeks)



Line Ups

- 1.Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk)
- 2.Osama MALIK
- 4.Jon McKAIN
- 5.Daniel MULLEN
- 6.CASSIO
- 7.Zenon CARAVELLA
- 8.Evgeniy LEVCHENKO
- 9.Sergio VAN DIJK
- 10.Dario VIDOSIC
- 14.Cameron WATSON
- 16.Spase DILEVSKI
- 17.Iain RAMSAY
- 20.Mark BIRIGHITTI (gk)
- 21.Francisco USUCAR
- 22.Milan SUSAK
- 23.Andy SLORY
- *one to be omitted*

In: Daniel MULLEN (returns from injury), Cameron WATSON (promoted)
Out: Bruce DJITE (groin – 2 weeks)
Unavailable: Nigel BOOGAARD (ankle – 3 weeks)

Adelaide United v Sydney FC

Sat 22 Oct Hindmarsh Stdm 5:30pm

By Nat Adamopoulos

Adelaide United find themselves back at home for Round 3 – Rivalry Round of the HAL, the round for all teams and players to play for pride.

The Reds will have plenty of that, still sitting on cloud nine after their sweet defeat of arch rivals Melbourne Victory last week and are dead set on looking for their second win on the trot. This time they will be facing another test up against goaleless and winless Sydney FC and their star signing Brett Emerton, another big name that brings in the crowds and Hindmarsh Stadium will be hoping for more big numbers to spur their side on.

One player who will be looking to get his teeth stuck into the game and further his goal tally is Sergio Van Dijk, his opportunistic goal against Victory the match winner in what was a tough fight to the end. And with a partner like relentless Andy Slory the dynamic Dutch duo are starting to cause headaches for their opposition. After identifying the Reds slow start to matches, Coach Rini Coolen has had his lads working hard in training on how to improve their intensity from the start, hoping to rectify the problem that has been obvious in their first two hit outs.

Their opposition, the Sky Blues head into the match looking for their first win and their first goal in the HAL 2011/12 season. Despite a scoreless draw against arch rivals Melbourne Victory they did look impressive in their season opener. Their Round 2 defeat to Brisbane was an eye opener for the club, not only stretching The Roar's unbeaten run to 30 matches, but leaving a bitter



Radio broadcaster: 891 ABC Adelaide

SFC look to kick-start season

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 20): Adelaide United wins 9, Sydney FC wins 9 (2 draws)
Odds: AUFC 2.15 Draw 3.35 SFC 3.55

taste in the mouth to take as they created enough clear chances to trouble the visitors but could not capitalise in front of goal. In front of the biggest home crowd since March 2010, Sydney FC put up a good fight, but the missed chances and Brisbane's clinical finishing saw the visitors take all three points. Which poses the question to be asked I guess.....while you would like to think that one man does not maketh a team, why a highly talented player as Emerton who has played in every position across midfield so far in his two games for Sydney has lacked to significantly impact end results for Sydney, leaving the club with a record of two rounds in, winless and goal less not the preferable position to be in.

But with players like Emerton, Nicky

Carle and Bruno Cazarine, there is no reason why they cant go on and break the drought this week. They certainly will be giving the homeside a run for their money but it will be a hard ask with their star signing Socceroo still waiting to make an impact in his side and still being without Mark Bridge, as he sits out the last of a two-game suspension after his red card against Victory, things could be a little difficult. None more difficult than having to contend with United's midfield marvels in Evgeny Levchenko and speedster Zenon Caravella, their acquisition proving to benefit Adelaide United's creativity and potency in the front half of the pitch. Teamed with the experienced Dario Vidosic who had an outstanding debut match against the Blues, the visitors will need to pull out all

stops to win this one.

Sydney FC will be hosting its inaugural Late Night Shopping with the Stars on Thursday 20th October, a first of a number held at the Official Sydney FC Store this season and will feature Sydney FC meeting the fans. The players will be on hand to review the weekend's match against Brisbane Roar, sign autographs, and preview the trip to Adelaide.....lets hope they don't shop till they drop!

All in all it looks for another big crowd at Hindmarsh and plenty of talent on show for what will be an exciting and hopefully high scoring match, further endorsing the great start to the seventh HAL season.

Kiss of Death
Adelaide 2-2 Sydney FC



Line Ups

- 1. Liam Reddy
- 2. Sebastian Ryall
- 3. Jamie Coyne
- 4. Pascal Bosshaart
- 5. Michael Beauchamp
- 6. Hirofumi Moriyasu
- 7. Brett Emerton
- 8. Karol Kisel
- 9. Bruno Cazarine
- 10. Nick Carle
- 11. Dimi Petratos
- 15. Terry McFlynn (c)
- 17. Terry Antonis
- 20. Ivan Necevski
- 21. Scott Jamieson
- 23 Rhyann Grant
- *one to be omitted*

In: 6. Hirofumi Moriyasu (promoted)
Out: Nil
Unavailable: Juho Makela (quad, 4 weeks), Shannon Cole (calf, 1 week), Mark Bridge (suspended – 1 match)

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10. Archie Thompson (c)
11. Marco Rojas
12. Rodrigo Vargas
13. Diogo Ferreira
14. Billy Celeski
15. Tom Pondeljak
16.Carlos Hernandez
18. Danny Allsopp
19. Isaka Cernak
20. Lawrence Thomas (GK)
21. Ante Covic (GK)
22. Harry Kewell.
Four to be omitted

In: 15. Tom Pondeljak, 7. Mat-thew Kemp, 14. Billy Celeski, 18. Danny Allsopp (All Promoted)
Out: 17. Jimmy Jeggo (Omitted), 23 Adrian Leijer (Susp)
Unavailable: Tando Velaphi (stress fracture)

Melb Victory v Melb Heart

By John Clark

The first instalment of the Mel-bourne derby will be played out on Saturday night in front of what is expected to be an-other bumper crowd. If getting an early win over your local rival isn't enough incentive, then the threat of the loser be-ing anchored to the foot of the table should mean that this is a fiercely contested match.

For all the pre-season hype, the Victory has been largely disap-pointing thus far. Despite having a glut of attacking options, they are still yet to score a goal in over three hours of football and Me-hmet Durakovic will have some big decisions to make in regards to how his side lines up this week. It's fair to say that having Thomp-son out on a wing whilst Kewell was isolated up front, didn't work last week and Durakovic will con-tinue to mix it up until he finds the right combination. Danny Allsopp will be looking to regain his place in the squad and either or Jean Carlos Solorzano should get a start alongside Thompson. Adjust-ments will also have to be made at the back, with Captain Adrian Leijer missing the game due to



Radio broadcaster: 774 ABC Melbourne, ABC Digital, SEN 1116

D-Day for Melbourne teams

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 3): Victory wins 1, Heart wins 1 (1 draw)
Odds: Victory 1.80 Draw 3.50 Heart 4.50

suspension. This should mean a start for impressive young defend-er Petar Franjic. The Heart has plenty of problems of their own, the main one being their leaky defence. Last week's performance against Perth was abysmal. The Heart fell behind on half an hour when Shane Smeltz got on the end of a cross from Liam Miller, that Nikola Roganovic probably should have come and claimed. They did however equal-ise before the break thanks to a lucky penalty, which David Wil-

Sat 22 Oct Etihad Stdm7:45pm

liams duly converted. On sixty minutes though disaster struck, as an errant back pass from Matt Thompson found Shane Smeltz and he was able to cut inside Cur-tis Good to curl the ball inside the far post. In all honesty the differ-ence in the match was Smeltz's finishing in a game that lacked any real quality he was a cut above the rest. What will disappoint John Van't Schip the most was the lack of creativity in the front third in the absence of their skipper Fred who was subbed over in the first half

and will miss this week. In the three derbies last season both sides registered a win and the last match was a thrilling 2-2 draw, which will forever be remembered for Kevin Muscat's horrendous tackle on Adrian Zahra. History tells us that there should be plenty of goals in this game and there could be no better week for the Victory's potentially potent attack to click than against an in experi-enced Heart defence.

Kiss of Death
Victory 4-1 Heart

MELBOURNE HEART



Line Ups

1.Clint Bolton
2.Michael Marrone
3.Brendan Hamill
4.Simon Colosimo
6.Matt Thompson
7.Rutger Worm
8.Kristian Sarkies
9.Maycon
10.Wayne Srhoj
11.Alex Terra
13.Jonatan Germano
15.David Williams
16.Aziz Behich
17.Jason Hoffman
18.Curtis Good
22.Nick Kalmar
23.Mate Dugandzic
two to be omitted

In: 4.Simon Colosimo (promoted), 7.Rutger Worm (returns from injury)
Out: Fred – Hamstring (2-4 weeks)
Unavailable: Kamal Ibrahim – Ankle (6 weeks), Eli Babalj – Knee (1 week), Adrian Zahra – Knee (Indefinite), Kliment Taseski – Foot (2 months)



Line Ups

1. Ben Kennedy (gk)
2. Taylor Regan
4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley
5. Tiago Calvano
6. Ben Kantarovski
7. Kasey Wehrman
8. Jeremy Brockie
10. Ruben Zadkovich
11. Tarek Elrich
12. Jobe Wheelhouse (c)
13. Sung-Hwan Byun
14. Labinot Haliti
17. James Virgili
19. Matthew Nash
22. Ali Abbas
23. Ryan Griffiths

In: 2. Taylor Regan (pro-moted)
Out: Nil
Unavailable: Francis Jeffers (awaiting clearance)

Newcastle Jets v Mariners

By Shaun Dyas

The Newcastle Jets and the Cen-tral Coast Mariners are preparing to reignite their intense rivalry in round Three of the Hyundai A-League at Ausgrid Stadium this Sunday afternoon.

The Mariners currently lead the rivalry with eight wins to the Jets 7, but that did not stop foundation Jets player Tarek Elrich from pouring more fuel on the fire.

“A few of the Mariners fans like to give it to us Newie guys, but they forget we still have the upper hand.”

“We have won a grand final. They have been in three but haven't won one yet.”

The derby could not have arrived at a better time for both sides as they struggle to gain momentum at the start of the new season.

The Jets needed a freak deflection to gain the three points in round one and followed that up with an insipid display across the Tasman against the Phoenix, losing 2-0.

After losing 1-0 to the rampant Brisbane Roar, the Mariners needed a late equaliser from Patrick Zwaan-swijk to gain a draw at home against the unfancied Gold Coast.

Newcastle's play in the defeat to the Phoenix was poor and their usual passing game was non-existent, amid accusations from their interim manager Craig Deans that they sim-



Radio broadcaster: 1233 ABC Newcastle and 96.3 CoastFM Gosford

F3 Hostilities Renewed

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 23): Jets wins 7, Mariners wins 8 (8 draws)
Odds: Jets 2.65 Draw 3.30 Mariners 2.65

ply didn't compete.

The Central Coast was just as poor as they struggled for large por-tions of the game to break down a resolute Gold Coast outfit.

Like most rivalries, the early stages of the game will be pivotal as both sides scrap desperately to earn the right to impose their style of football on the contest.

The home side feel they will have a trump card in this department with the return of feisty midfielder Ruben Zadkovich, who missed the Well-ington encounter because of the flu.

His battle for control in the mid-field against the likely Mariners combination of Rostyn Griffiths and

Michael McGlinchey will go a long way to deciding the outcome of the contest.

Jets defensive duo Nikolai Topor-Stanley and Tiago Calvano will need to be on their toes to stop the ever dangerous and threatening Mariners striker Matt Simon.

Simon polarises opinion but always seems to save his best for the F3 derby and could capitalise on the partnership in Newcastle's defence, which has looked shaky to start the season.

Alex Wilkinson returns in defence for the visitors and it will be interest-ing to see how he handles the pace and trickery of both Jeremy Brockie

and Ryan Griffiths.

Brockie is slowly regaining form af-ter an injury interrupted pre season and Griffiths was ultra impressive in his last home match netting a brace against the Heart.

Like the previous instalments of the F3 derby, fans can expect a fierce and fiery battle from the two sides. A crowd of 15,000 is expected and this may just tip the balance in the favour of the home side in what is sure to be a tight and intense en-counter.

Kiss of Death
Jets 2-1 Mariners



Line Ups

1. Mathew RYAN
2. Daniel MCBREEN
3. Joshua ROSE
4. Pedj BOJIC
5. Brad PORTER
6. Patrick ZWAANSWIJK (c)
8. Rostyn GRIFFITHS
9. Bernie IBINI
10. Adriano PELLEGRINO
11. Oliver BOZANIC
12. Troy HEARFIELD
14. Michael MCGLINCHEY
16. Trent SAINSBURY
19. Matthew SIMON
20. Justin PASFIELD
21. Sam GALLAGHER
23. Adam KWASNIK
Four to be omitted

In: 15. Brad MCDONALD, 16. Trent SAINSBURY, 17. Michael BAIRD, 21. Sam GALLAGHER,
Out: Nil
Unavailable: 7. John HUTCHIN-SON (On Loan), 13. Stuart MUSIALIK (Adductor – 2 weeks), 18. Alex WILKINSON (Forearm – 1 week), 22. Mustafa AMINI (Groin – 3 weeks)

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Line Ups

- 1.Danny Vukovic
 - 2.Josh Mitchell
 - 3.Bas Van Den Brink
 - 4.Billy Mehmet
 - 6.Chris Coyne
 - 7.Jacob Burns
 - 8.Adam Hughes
 - 9.Shane Smeltz
 - 10.Liam Miller
 - 12.Scott Neville
 - 13.Travis Dodd
 - 14.Steven McGarry
 - 15.Tommy Amphet
 - 17.Todd Howarth
 - 18.Jesse Makarounas
 - 19.Josh Risdon
 - 21.Mile Sterjovski
 - 22.Adam Taggart
 - 27.Andrezinho
 30. Lewis Italiano
- **6 To Be Omitted****

In: 2.Josh Mitchell, 8.Adam Hughes, 16.Evan Berger, 18.Jesse Makarounas, 21.Mile Sterjovski, 22.Adam Taggart
Out: Neil Young (Abdominal Injury)
Unavailable: 11.Victor Sikora (Hip – Long Term Injury List)

Perth Glory v Wellington Phoenix

Sun 23 Oct nib Stadium 7:30pm

By Jacob Kagi

Perth Glory will be out to continue their vastly improved start to the A-League season when they host Wellington Phoenix on Sunday.

The Glory's off-season recruiting spree has seen them beat Adelaide and Melbourne Heart in the opening two rounds to sit in second spot, trailing league leaders Brisbane only on goal difference.

New arrivals Shane Smeltz, who scored two goals to lead Ian Ferguson's side to their 2-1 win against the Heart, Andrezinho, Billy Mehmet, Liam Miller and Travis Dodd have all played key roles in the club's revival so far, having given the team a much stronger attacking presence.

Their improved attacking flair, combined with solid defensive performances so far, has seen Perth's fans become optimistic once again, but Ferguson warned people not to get carried away with early results.

"It's only two games and we've had two wins but we've got to take each game as it comes, one game at a time," he said. "I know it's an old cliché but that's the way it's got to be.

"Last year we went five unbeaten and a lot of people were tipping us to win the league. We sort of got carried away.

"This year I've tried to keep the boys' feet on the ground."

But all the optimism surrounding



Radio broadcaster: SportFM 91.3 Perth

Glory strives for perfect start

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 13): Glory wins 4, Phoenix wins 6 (3 draws)
Odds: Glory 1.58 Draw 4.00 Phoenix 6.50

Perth will disappear if they can't beat Wellington, which has also made a surprisingly strong start to the season.

Nearly every commentator tipped the Kiwi side to miss the finals and several even had them finishing last, but after holding Gold Coast to a 1-1 draw on the opening weekend and beating Newcastle 2-0 at home last weekend the Phoenix are third on the ladder.

Wellington's chances of victory in the west improved when Nick Ward's controversial red card against the Jets was rescinded, allowing the flamboyant midfielder to play against

his former side on Sunday.

And the Phoenix will need all of the help they can get to win in Perth, which represents one of the longest road-trips in world football for a club which has struggled for several years away from Westpac Stadium.

To make matters worse for Wellington, Tim Brown will be unavailable after he was bizarrely sent off late in the Newcastle match after receiving a second yellow card - which meant the club couldn't challenge the decision.

And Paul Ifill will also be unavailable after straining his groin against the Jets, meaning Ricki Herbert's side

will need to use all of their questionable depth to get past the Glory.

One player who will be desperate to make an impact is New Zealand international Smeltz, who lists Wellington among his former clubs before joining Perth.

The hosts may be boosted by the return of Josh Mitchell in central defence, which would likely see Chris Coyne drop to the bench, but are otherwise likely to field an unchanged line-up that should be too strong for Wellington.

**Kiss of Death
Glory 2-1 Phoenix**



Line Ups

1. Mark Paston (gk)
 2. Manny Muscat
 3. Tony Lochhead
 4. Brent Griffiths
 7. Leo Bertos
 9. Chris Greenacre
 11. Daniel
 12. Nicky Ward
 13. Niko Tsattalios
 15. Cameron Lindsay
 18. Ben Sigmund
 19. Jimmy Downey
 20. Tony Warner
 21. Dani Sanchez
 22. Andrew Durante
 - 24 Alex Smith
- *one to be omitted***

In: Cameron Lindsay, Niko Tsattalios, Jimmy Downey (all promoted)

Out: 6. Tim Brown (suspended – 1 match), 8. Paul Ifill (groin – 2-4 weeks)

Unavailable: Lucas Pantelis (ACL rupture, indefinite), Mirjan Pavlovic (Broken arm, 8 to 10 weeks), Vince Lia (knee, indefinite)

Derby Week Grips A-League in Week 3

By Robert Di Fabio

The opening two weeks of the A-League season has captured the imagination of the wider football public. A revamped October commencement, in conjunction with the introductions of Socceroos stalwarts Harry Kewell and Brett Emerton, at Melbourne Victory and Sydney FC respectively have played contributing factors to extensive media exposure in season seven.

With all this in mind, Football Federation Australia has pitted round three as "rivalry round", which witnesses some of the more heated foes lock horns in a 90-minute showpiece. Brisbane Roar renews their hostilities with Gold Coast United, hosting their counterpart at Suncorp Stadium. The F3 Derby is reignited, with Newcastle Jets welcoming the Central Coast Mariners at Ausgrid Stadium. While not depicted as a traditional rivalry, there's no doubt that Adelaide United and Sydney FC have encompassed fervent battles in history gone by. And finally, the only derby that is true to its name, cross-town rivals Melbourne Victory and Melbourne Heart clash for the city's bragging rights in the fourth version of the Melbourne Derby.

When the A-League was initially formed, the FFA desired a "one team per city" format for the opening few seasons of the new competition. While the idea may have worked in some perusals, there were many sceptics surrounding the system. What the A-League lacked was a proper inner-city rivalry, where reputations, allegiances and club supremacy were up for the taking.

Derby matches are often portrayed as the most passionate, enthusiastic and pulsating meeting throughout the football campaign. It's a unique facet within the game that cannot be echoed in any other fashion. The atmosphere exuberated amongst the clubs' fanatical supporters is what makes the environment a special scene to indulge in.

This was evident in the Melbourne Derby's last season. An aggregate attendance of 81,187 emerged over the three fixtures, which witnessed 11 goals, 24 yellow cards and two red cards. The growing enmity showcased between Victory and Heart was a fantastic spectacle for the competition – in a season which confronted many impediments off the pitch – and was truly one of the positives elements to grasp from season six. The growing zeal between the clubs was not solely palpable in the stands, with the players demonstrating their loyalties on the pitch – reminiscent of an army marching into combat.

There was no secret pertaining to how bitter sweet the taste of triumph would be over their newly found cross-town rival. When fans evoke about the season that has been, the derby meetings always convey fond memories. Bragging rights between supporters should never be belittled, as high precedence is valued on the superior season between the rival outfits – whether it's claiming victory in the derbies or the subsequent placing on the table at season's end.

In many respects, the hostile environments displayed were analogous to the many famous derby encounters around the football sphere. Some of the most

famous encounters include – "Derby della Modonnia" – Inter and AC Milan, "Merseyside Derby" – Liverpool and Everton, "Old Firm Derby" – Celtic and Rangers, "El Derbi Madrilenio" – Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid and "Fla-Flu Derby" – Flamengo and Fluminense and "Superclasico" – Boca Juniors and River Plate.

With the growing success between the Melbourne foes, Sydney should, with anticipation have a similar ritual in the not too distant future – the Sky Blues staking their claim against a prospective outfit from the city's west – would be a mouth-watering contest. Despite the turbulent expansion process – which has seen clubs financially struggle and provisional licences handed out with susceptible market research – the FFA must seek to expand the game's reach out in Western Sydney as soon as possible – assuming the hypothetical club is financially viable. In the nation's largest market, Sydney is an ideal landscape to nurture the competition's brand. If Melbourne can accomplish the derby feat, then Sydney is more than capable of following suite.

The derby traditions are a welcome addition to the A-League. With the cross-city rivalry absent in the opening five years of the competition, the Melbourne Derby has helped cultivate exposure for our domestic game, while illustrating football's distinctive fan culture to the sporting public. Whilst Melbourne is the only city to boast two clubs – the drama, tension, controversy and exhilaration is also perceptible in the other numerous rivalries dispersed amongst the league. Let the battles begin!



The Melbourne Derby has brought much colour and fanfare to the A-League calendar Photo: ANITA MILAS

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Boos won't bother Behich

AZIZ Behich has heard it before and he'll hear it again on Saturday night but try as they might Melbourne Victory's blue brigade won't get the better of their former player.

"The fans don't bother me. I just focus on what I have to do," said Behich bluntly.

But you can bet your bottom dollar that the blue side of the argument will be in full voice and whenever Behich touches the ball they'll let him know about it.

But that goes with the territory when you are the first player to have played with both Melbourne A-League outfits and the first to be sent off in a local derby.

Couple that with the 20-year-old's reputation for being a feisty and in-your-face competitor and you have the perfect cocktail for cat-calling en masse.

But baiting Behich isn't a game exclusively for spectators. Opponents too are well aware of his reputation and they try and wind him up at every opportunity.

"I guess there's a fair bit of trash talk out there but that's part of life in lots of things you do. It doesn't worry me. I can give as good as I get."

And he's been giving plenty in recent times. So much so that he is fast becoming one of the standout left backs in the competition, a fact recognised by his call-up earlier this year to the Olyroos.

"It's a massive honour to put on the green and gold even with the under-23s. It was a privilege to be selected and for me it was an unbelievable experience.

"I've played against Japan, Singapore and Yemen and it really is a different standard altogether because you're playing alongside the best in your age group.

"I mean, this is only my second full year in the A-League so yeah, it was a huge thing for me to play for my country."

Particularly so because Behich belongs to a list of talented young footballers who were never part of the Victorian Institute of Sport pathway.

"I was never involved with the VIS. Never."

There's more than a hint of triumph in his voice, a suggestion that he's rather delighted to have been recognised at the highest levels after being overlooked by some as a teenager.

But one man who didn't let Behich's talents escape his attention is Ian Dobson, Green Gully coaching legend.

Behich had switched to Gully from Meadow Park Eagles juniors and despite being just 16 played in the under-21s in 2007.

Dobson gave the teenager his first senior start in the Victorian Premier League in a 2-0 loss to Richmond in February 2008. Behich was 17 years and two months old at the time.

And the green and whites have remained close to Behich's heart ever since.



'On the pitch I want to win. I don't like coming off second best. I try and leave everything out there.'

Aziz Behic does his best to hold off former teammate Adrian Leijer during last season's derby between Melbourne Victory and Melbourne Heart. Photo: ANITA MILAS

"I'll always like Green Gully. They treated me well and they helped me a lot. Ian Dobson really taught me a lot and to get into a team like that which was so successful and had so many experienced players was really special for me. Unbelievable really.

"Green Gully is part of what I am now and always will be part of me as a player."

So too Meadow Park Eagles.

When Behich won last January's monthly NAB Young Footballer of the Year nomination he could name a club of his choice to receive a \$3000 equipment pack and he nominated his original junior club.

That's the kind of guy he is, mindful of his past and of those

that gave him the opportunity to develop his talent.

Not everyone agrees. His critics point to azizbehich.com to back up their argument that the youngster has crossed the line between confidence and cockiness. Okay, so he's got his own official website with the mandatory links to facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.

But before you jump to the conclusion that he's got too far ahead of himself, let's see how he sees his place in the game right now.

"I'm still learning and I'm the first to admit it.

"But I've got used to playing left back now and I'm actually enjoying it."

That's a reference to the switch

that Heart head coach John van't Schip initiated after the position became vacant when Dean Hefernan was red carded last season.

Behich had spent his entire career playing up front or as an attacking midfielder and despite being thrown into unfamiliar territory he revelled in his new role.

"I didn't really think about it being a big change. I was just happy to play wherever the team needed me.

"It's a bit easier in a sense (at left back) because you're already facing forward most times you receive the ball.

"The tougher parts are the one-on-one defending and you have to concentrate when you're push-

ing out from the back and keeping in line with the other defenders but I'm working with the coaches every morning and I'm more and more comfortable with playing there."

One of the reasons for him growing into this role so readily is the confidence that van't Schip has given him.

"John tells me to play freely. That shows that he has confidence in me and that's what every player needs.

"He doesn't mind me getting forward and we try and create two v ones out wide but I've got to focus on the defensive side too.

"By the looks of it I'll be up against Marco Rojas (on Saturday night). "But it doesn't really matter who

I'm up against. On the pitch I want to win. I don't like coming off second best. I try and leave everything out there.

"It's still early in the season and one win can really boost you and kick you up the table straight away.

"I'm pretty confident that we'll do well on Saturday night. I think we can win our first three points of the season. We've got a couple of guys back from injury and we're all looking forward to this one.

Maybe Behich more than most given that he spent two seasons with Victory after joining the club's inaugural national youth league squad in July 2008.

Current Victory head coach Mehmet Durakovic and assistant Steve Mautone selected him in that squad and although in his second season with the club Behich made his A-League debut and was part of Victory's 2010 AFC Champions' League squad he was never offered a senior contract.

"Look I thought I deserved a contract (at Victory). I thought I was doing well there and I thought that I was heading in the right direction. What more can I say? They didn't offer me a contract."

It's difficult to blame Behich for losing patience with Victory. The club had ample opportunity to offer him a senior contract and in the end it ran out of time.

Behich switched to Hume City last year for six games in the VPL to keep up his match fitness while trialling with Heart and hoping that they'd offer him a deal.

"Andy Vlahos was player-coach at Hume and they looked after me. I only played half a dozen games there but they're a really good club."

His contract hopes were realised when he signed a short-term agreement with Heart as an injury replacement for Kristian Sarkies and all his hard work paid off on 25 October 2010 when he signed his first full-time A-League contract.

It's been onwards and upwards ever since, even when red carded late in the second half of the inaugural Melbourne derby which Heart won 2-1 last season.

And there's little doubt that when Saturday night fever hits Melbourne this weekend Behich will be on centre stage in the full glare of the spotlight once more.

There are few certainties in life and there's nothing certain about the outcome of what promises to be a passionate and gripping contest at Etihad.

But one of life's few certainties is that Behich will cop it from the Victory fans.

You get the feeling he wouldn't want it any other way.

He's used to playing on the edge, used to striding boldly onto the arena expecting to win, clearing his mind of any negative thoughts and living in the moment.

And there's another certainty about Saturday night. Behich will leave it all on the pitch. Guaranteed.

James Jeggo Grabs Unexpected Opportunity With Both Hands

James Jeggo (pronounced Jay-go) or Jimmy as he is preferred to be known as is a versatile Midfielder for A-League side Melbourne Victory. Jimmy was born in Vienna, Austria on the 12th of February 1992 to English parents.

Jimmy moved over to Australia with his parents and his brother Luc when he was 10 years old. His 17 year old brother Luc also plays for Melbourne Victory's Youth team and too can play in various positions. Their parents were both keen Footballers and the football culture of Vienna enticed Jimmy in playing Football at a young age like many European boys.

Jimmy started his Football Career in Australia with Victorian Premier League side Green Gully where he spent four years with between the age of 10 and 14. Jimmy then moved onto the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) in 2006 where he met now Melbourne Victory Senior Coach Mehmet Durakovic who at the time was the VIS Assistant Coach.

In 2009 Jimmy joined the Melbourne Victory Youth team in the National Youth League (NYL). Two weeks before the start of the 2010-11 NYL season Jimmy suffered serious Ankle Ligament Damage which resulted in him missing most of the season. He returned at the end of the season to make 5 appearances. To regain match fitness Jimmy joined Victory affiliate Victorian Training Centre (VTC) in the 2011 VPL season. He started 10 games in the first-half of the season which gave him a taste of consistent game time.

Despite having an injury affected season Victory offered him a senior contract in March 2011, an opportunity which Jimmy did not expect but took with both hands. Jimmy is registered for the 2011-12 A-League squad but also the NYL squad so if he stays injury free he will be guaranteed some game time, something which is vital for a young developing Footballer.

Jimmy prefers to play in Central Midfield but has played in a deep, holding position as well as in an advance position. Melbourne Victory Supporters may have seen him in action against Celtic in July or against Springvale or Port Melbourne in preseason. In those games he played out wide displaying his versatility. Some Victory fans have already welcomed him in the side with singing the Archie Thompson song.

I sat down with Jimmy to talk Football, Melbourne Victory and Harry Kewell.

DQ: Earliest football Memory:

My earliest memory probably was when I started in Vienna, played in a park down the road, probably a 5 minute walk. And just training there 4 or 5 times a week when was 8 or 9.

DQ: Football idols:

Probably have to be Steven Gerrard. He is someone I've always tried to base my game on, a Central Midfielder.

DQ: Are you a Liverpool supporter?

No I'm not. I'm actually a Man Utd supporter.

DQ: Goal in football career:

Basically to get the best out of myself, out of my career. Whether it would be having a successful career here in Australia or whether it will be going overseas and perhaps representing Australia.

DQ: What made you want to play football?

Can't really remember because I started when I was about four. But it will be mostly my parents. Both my parents were keen footballers. So I presume it would have been them so I have taken it up and enjoyed it and yeah it has gone from there.

DQ: Which club do you wish to play for?

Ideally any club in the Premier League. I think that will be the best league to play in. But if had to pick one it would be Man United because I have supported them.



James Jeggo gets stuck in at Victory training with Harry Kewell. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS

DQ: What are your strengths?

I like to think I have a good engine, finishing on the ball, I like getting on the ball, making things happen and yeah getting on the ball and my passing maybe.

DQ: What are your weaknesses?

I think I can improve in all parts of my game whether it would be my left foot, my heading, and things in the game like getting the ball of the back four or scoring my goals as a Midfielder. There are always things you can improve on in every part of your game.

DQ: How well do you think you have done this past season in the VPL with VTC and NYL?

Spent most of season in NYL covering from an operation on my ankle so towards the end it was just about getting game time. It was the same in the VPL with VTC. It was just about getting games under my belt and I think we did ok with a young team and at times we did well and other times we were just inexperienced. Personally I was happy to get games under my belt.

DQ: Do you do anything different or special in training to improve as a player?

Just always try and get the best out of yourself, staying after training to work on certain things and making sure you do it as well as you can and work as hard as you can.

DQ: Do you do anything different or special in training to impress the coach/manager?

Not really. I think all you can do is make sure you put in and you are always on the ball, always try and stand out and make things happen

DQ: Do you feel pressure to perform?

Not to particular. You always put pressure on yourself to do well. I think that at the moment that is the biggest pressure you are under, pressure from yourself to do well and improve and get the best out of yourself. Of course there is pressure from coaches. But I think the biggest pressure comes from yourselves.

DQ: Are you happy with your current club situation?

Yeah I'm really happy with Victory at the moment. Obviously it's my first real year on a senior contract so I am looking to improve as much as I can and if I can get some game time. But I am happy of how things are at the moment, just looking to improve as much as possible.

DQ: Are you going to start in the NYL team or the seniors? Or what's the deal?

I presume I'll start in the youth league and obviously we have a big squad this year in the seniors with a lot of quality so it will be hard to break in there. But as long as I am doing well in the youth league, playing week in week out, anything can happen really. If I can

get some senior games under my belt due to injuries or whatever then it's all a bonus.

DQ: Despite being only 19 you have played 10 games for VTC in the VPL and 5 games for Victory in the National Youth League. Are you pleased with the amount of game time?

Yeah, as I said, I struggled a bit with injuries last year so especially with the VTC it was quality to play 90 minutes week in week out. That is the only way really to get that match sharpness. To play 10 games in a row I really enjoyed so I hope I can stay injury free and do the same thing.

DQ: One of your previous clubs Green Gully have just recently won the VPL. You must be delighted for them?

Yeah I am. They have been such a successful club in the league, I think they have won it two years in a row now. They have always been a very well organised club, they always look after their players and it shows with the results that they get.

DQ: Mehmet Durakovic is the new coach now for the senior team at Melbourne Victory. Since you played under him in the youth team you must be pleased with his appointment?

Yeah I am. I've known Mehm since I was 14 when he was Assistant Coach in the VIS. So I have known him for a while now and it's good quality to have

him as First Team Coach. He started a traineeship with the VIS and the Youth League and now he has earned a spot with the First Team which is quality for him. So yeah, it's good to have him as a coach especially since I have already learned so much off him and hopefully that continues.

DQ: What are your hopes for this upcoming A-League Season?

Basically to get some minutes for the First Team. As I said before, it's a big squad; there is a lot of depth in there so it is going to be hard. But I guess that is a positive thing because it means if you are going to break into the squad you are going to earn it. Weather through injuries I will get a chance to get some games under my belt and hopefully it push on from there.

DQ: You made your first uncompetitive appearance for the senior team against Boca Juniors. That must have been a great experience?

Yeah it was, that was a couple years ago now and that was the first time I really had played in front of a big crowd and I absolutely loved it. It gives you a taste of what it is all about and makes you want to work more and more. It was a great experience and also a great motivator. That is what you want to do each week; week in week out is playing in front of big crowds. It was really enjoyable.

DQ: You came on against Celtic in a pre-season friendly in July. What can you tell us about your experience against the Scottish giants?

I played about 20 minutes there where against Boca I only got 7 or 8 minutes. So it was a much bigger indicator of where I was and the whole team was against a quality opposition. I think it was a really good hit-out for the team and for myself, I really enjoyed it. Gives you a taste in those big matches with big crowds. Makes you want to work harder to play week in week out.

DQ: Against Celtic you were substituted on for Archie Thompson. The fans sang the Archie Thompson chant with your name afterwards. You must be delighted that the fans have welcomed you so fast into the team?

Yeah it was good to have the type of fans, they are so passionate. Those supporting gives us confidence.

DQ: Some fans have started to like you because of your "different" name. What do you think about that?

I have heard about that. It was only a good thing to get your name out there. You don't really pay attention to that.

DQ: You seriously damaged your ankle on the eve of the last NYL season. You must have been disappointed with the set back?

Yeah that was disappointing because we had a big pre season, maybe two or three months and I felt fit and ready to go then a couple weeks before the season I did my ankle. It was disappointing but injuries happen, you got to work hard, deal with it and move on. And also work hard as you can to get back quicker as you can.

DQ: Despite only playing 5 games you were still able to earn a senior contract. You must be thrilled that Melbourne Victory offered you the opportunity?

Yeah I was and I was surprised obviously not playing many games for the Youth League but I am happy to be given the chance. They must have of seen something in me.

DQ: I guess it would have been an easy decision?

Yeah it was. Were no doubts as soon as they offered me a contract so I wanted to get it done as quickly as possible.

DQ: How has the long preseason come along?

Yeah it has been really enjoyable. We worked hard at the start but obviously as you get closer to the season it takes place. It has been really enjoyable just that you are working all the way so it is an exciting season ahead.

DQ: You must be excited with Harry Kewell signing?

Yeah it has been amazing. All us young boys say it is weird to be training with him when we used to watch him on TV. You learn so much just by watching a player with his ability.

DQ: Have you had a chance to get to know him? What is he like?

Yeah he has been really good. He has come in and straight away he mixes with all the boys and gets involved with everyone and he is always up for a laugh. He has been really easy going and easy to chat to.

DQ: Would you consider playing for Austria or England if you were given an opportunity?

That is a hard one. I have never really thought of it to be honest. I would think Australia; having been playing here now would be enough for me to play for Australia. Austria aren't really a successful side and I think playing for England would be ambitious. I'd have to say Australia having played here for so long and living here.

Couch Potato Dept.

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SBS ONE
Sunday October 23rd
10:30 AM UEFA Europa League Highlights
- All the highlights from the latest round of the UEFA Europa League.

11:00 AM Les Murray's Football Feature - Match highlights to be announced.

12:00 PM UEFA Champions League Magazine Program - Highlights and news from the latest round of the UEFA Champions League.

Monday October 24th
04:30 PM FIFA Futbol Mundial

11:30 PM The World Game

Friday 21 October
5.45am - Live (aedt) - UEFA Europa League: Tottenham Hotspur v Rubin Kazan

SBS TWO
Saturday 22 October
7.00pm - Delayed - UEFA Europa League: Udinese v Atletico Madrid

Monday October 24th
09:30 PM The World Game



Saturday 22-Oct
Bundesliga Round 10 Augsburg v Werder Bremen 5:25am **LIVE**
Blue Square Premier Round 18
Grimsby v Luton 7:30am 1st Airing
J-League Round 30 Teams TBC 3:00pm **LIVE**
Scottish Premier League Round 12
Motherwell v Kilmarnock 10:40pm **LIVE**

Sunday 23-Oct
Bundesliga Round 10 Hamburg v Wolfsburg 3:25am **LIVE**
Ligue 1 Round 11 Lorient v Toulouse 5:55am **LIVE**
Ligue 1 Round 11 Marseille v Ajaccio 8:00am 1st Airing
Primera Division Round 12 Teams TBC 11:15am **LIVE**
Scottish Premier League Round 12
Hearts v Rangers 10:25pm **LIVE**

Monday 24-Oct
Scottish Premier League Round 12 Celtic v Aberdeen 12:55am **LIVE**
Bundesliga Round 10 Leverkusen v Schalke 3:00am 1st Airing
Ligue 1 Round 11 Lille v Lyon 5:55am **LIVE**
Primera Division Round 12 Teams TBC 8:10am **LIVE**
Ligue 1 Round 11 PSG v Dijon 10:15am 1st Airing
Eredivisie Round 10 Ajax v Feyenoord 12:00pm 1st Airing
Bundesliga Round 10 Hannover v Bayern Munich 3:30pm 1st Airing
Eredivisie Round 10 Vitesse v PSV 5:15pm 1st Airing

Wednesday 26-Oct
Eredivisie Round 10 Groningen v Twente 1:30 AM 1st Airing

Thursday 27-Oct
Scottish League Cup Quarter-Final
Hibernian v Celtic 5:10 AM **LIVE**
Copa Sudamericana Round of 16 2nd Leg Universidad de Chile v Flamengo 10:50 AM **LIVE**



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01:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup Newcastle United's Greatest Goals
02:30 am Arsenal TV Champions League: Arsenal Classic Match
05:30 am FA Cup Classics West Ham United V Tottenham Hotspur 6th Round 00/01

Tuesday 25th October
04:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup Greatest Players

Wednesday 26th October
01:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup Liverpool's Greatest Players
02:30 am Arsenal TV Arsenal V Stoke
05:30 am FA Cup Classics Birmingham City V Liverpool 6th Round 05/06
08:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup Leeds United's Greatest Goals

Thursday 27th October
02:30 am Liverpool TV Liverpool V Norwich City
05:30 am FA Cup Classics Fulham V Tottenham Hotspur 5th Round 06/07

Friday 28th October
01:35 am Arsenal TV Arsenal V Stoke
06:00 am Liverpool TV Liverpool V Norwich



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Week 11
Sat Oct 22 Wolves v Swansea 10.38 pm
Sun Oct 23 Aston Villa v West Brom 12.53 am
Sun Oct 23 Bolton v Sunderland 12.53 am
Viewers Choice
Sun Oct 23 Newcastle v Wigan 12.53 am
Viewers Choice
Sun Oct 23 Liverpool v Norwich 3.23 am
Sun Oct 23 Man United v Man City 11.23 pm
Sun Oct 23 Arsenal v Stoke 11.23 pm
Viewers Choice
Sun Oct 23 Fulham v Everton 11.23 pm
Viewers Choice
Mon Oct 24 Blackburn v Tottenham 12.53 am
Viewers Choice
Mon Oct 24 QPR v Chelsea 1.53 am

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP
Sun Oct 23 Brighton v West Ham 12.56 am
Viewers Choice
Sun Oct 23 Reading v S'hampton 5.30 am
DELAY

CARLING CUP - Round 4
Wed Oct 26 Teams TBA 5.30 am
Thu Oct 27 Teams TBA 5.30 am

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE **LIVE**
Fri Oct 21 Brisbane v Gold Coast 8.00 pm
Sat Oct 22 Adelaide v Sydney 5.00 pm
Sat Oct 22 Melb Victory v Melb Heart 7.30 pm
Sun Oct 23 Newcastle v Mariners 4.30 pm
Sun Oct 23 Perth v Wellington 7.00 pm



VICTORIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ROUND 1 WRAP

Last Sunday, the wait was finally over and the 2011/12 Victorian Champions League season kicked off at football venues around the state.

Eastern FC hosted Central City at Jubilee Park in Ringwood; South East Cougars playing Northern All Stars at Kingston Heath in Cheltenham; Southern Bluetongues battles Gippsland Knights at White Eagles Stadium in Keysborough; Rivers made the trip down to play North East Diamonds at Namurkah Park in Namurkah; Loddon Mallee welcomed North West Wanderers to Epsom Huntly Reserve in Bendigo; and Western Wolves heading down the highway to Hume Reserve in Geelong to play Wimmera South Coast Eagles.

The Under 13 Girls competition saw close and entertaining matches all round. Northern All Stars played excellently in their 3-1 win over the Cougars; North East Diamonds and Southern Bluetongues had 2-0 wins over Rivers and Gippsland respectively; Eastern defeated Central City 3-0; Wimmera South Coast and Western Wolves also shared the spoils, that match finishing 2-2; while North West Wanderers, who were down 1-0 at half time, kept their

cool, played to the system and won the match against Loddon Mallee 2-1.

The Under 13 Boys competition threw up some interesting matches. This week's big stars were Southern Bluetongues who had a 5-0 win over Gippsland Knights, though the match was closer than the scores suggest; South East Cougars edged Northern All Stars 3-2; North East Diamonds won their match against Rivers 2-0; Loddon Mallee Lightning and Western Wolves enjoyed 3-0 wins over North West Wanderers and Wimmera South Coast Eagles respectively; while the keepers were the heroes in the Eastern vs Central match, the game ending 0-0.

The Under 14 Boys saw some big wins, Wanderers beating Lightning 6-0, Wolves beating Eagles 7-0 and Bluetongues beating Knights 8-0. In the other matches, Diamonds beat Rivers 2-0, Central defeated Eastern 3-1 and All Stars defeated Cougars 4-1.

In the Under 15 Girls we saw some solid wins across the board. The biggest was Loddon Mallee's 10-0 win over North West; North East beat Rivers 7-1; Southern beat Gippsland 5-2; Central defeated Eastern

5-1; South East kept Northern scoreless, winning 4-0; and Wimmera South Coast edged past Western Wolves 2-1. With so many large scorelines this week, it will be very interesting to see what happens next week when some of Sunday's big winners face off against each other.

Southern Bluetongues kicked off their season in style in the Under 15 Boys with a 5-0 win over Gippsland; Loddon Mallee and North West drew 2-2; from here, it was the away teams who flourished, with Northern defeating South East 4-0; North East putting three past Rivers to win 3-0; Western were too good for Wimmera, winning 7-0; and Central narrowly defeated Eastern 2-1.

The Under 17 Girls was action packed in the opening week. South East built on their 1-0 half time lead over Northern to win 3-1; North East defeated Rivers 6-1; Loddon Mallee were on fire, beating North West 7-0; Wimmera also put in a solid shift, beating Western 6-0; while Southern and Central had 4-1 wins over Gippsland and Eastern respectively.

The Under 17 Boys was possibly the most even competition in week 1, with South-

ern's 6-1 win over Gippsland the only one sided result of the round. Loddon Mallee had a sound 2-0 win against North West; South East beat Northern in a thrilling 4-3 encounter; Rivers were also on the winning side of a 4-3 score line against North East; Western Wolves defeated Wimmera South Coast 4-2 in a thoroughly entertaining and skilful contest; and Central City finished the round with a 3-1 win over Eastern.

After all sides have a round under their belts, they will all be gearing up for week 2, which gives us some interesting matchups.

Round 2 Fixtures

North East Diamonds v Southern Bluetongue @ DISC, Thornbury
Central City v Rivers @ DISC, Thornbury
Gippsland Knights v Loddon Mallee Lightning @ Harold Preston Park, Traralgon
Northern All Stars v Western Wolves @ Harvest Home Reserve, Epping
South East Cougars v Wimmera South Coast Eagles @ Kingston Heath, Cheltenham
North West Wanderers v Eastern FC @ TBC



VCL U-17 ... Gippsland keeper Allan Bateman puches the ball away from Jack Dover (Southern Bluetongues). Photo: JOHN PUNSHON



1st Round VCL action from Central City's 4-1 win over Eastern in the U17 Girls.



Rory Flanagan's Best XI Quick Quiz

1. Ahead of the Melbourne Derby, name the 5 players who have been registered with both clubs.

2. Shane Smeltz scored his 50th A-League goal last weekend, where was he born?

3. What year was Perth Glory FC founded?

4. The Socceroos all-time goal scoring record is held by who?

5. Mark Bosnich scored an international goal against which Oceanic team?

6. Central Coast Mariners are affiliated with which English club? (hint: now in npower league 1)

7. Manchester City and Melbourne Victory both play at Etihad Stadium in their respective countries. What does the word Etihad translate into? (hint, the word is used in the names of several football clubs).

8. Gold Coast United play at which Stadium?

9. Who scored Melbourne Heart's first ever goal?

10. Adelaide United were defeat-

ed 5-0 on aggregate by whom in the 2008 Asian Champions League final?

11. With three goals each, who are the two leading scorers in the Melbourne Derby?

Answers: 1. Aziz Behich, Kristian Sarkies, Fred, Mate Dugandzic, Seb Mattei - 2. Goppingen, Near Stuttgart, Germany - 3. 1996 - 4. Damian Mori (29 Goals) - 5. Solomon Islands - 6. Sheffield United - 7. United - 8. Skilled Stadium - 9. Ben Kantarovski - 10. Gamba Osaka - 11. Robbie



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Great Victorian Club Rivalries

Juventus versus JUST

BLAST FROM THE PAST



With Roy Hay

In one short season Melbourne Victory and Melbourne Heart have developed a derby rivalry which is already generating all the passion and atmosphere of past great clashes in Victorian football. In a previous Blast we looked at the Greek derbies between South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg United Alexander, and today it is the turn of Juventus and JUST.

Juventus was founded in 1948 and JUST began in 1951. In the 1950s Juventus, or Brunswick United Juventus as it became, dominated the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association championship winning the First Division every year from 1952 to 1958, except for 1957 when JUST came out on top. Footscray JUST, the Yugoslav United Soccer Team, won its first title under the Victorian Soccer Federation in 1963 and again in 1969 and 1971, interspersed with a win to Juventus in 1970. It was JUST again in 1973. In all Juventus won the top league in Victoria eight times and JUST five times.

The two teams clashed in the State League Cup, the Ampol Cup and the Dockerty Cup. JUST won the Dockerty Cup for the first time in 1951 and Juventus had a hat-trick of victories from 1970 to 1972. JUST won the Cup in 1976 and Juventus got it back the following year. JUST had a stranglehold on the Ampol Night Cup, winning in 1955, 1956 and 1957 and again in 1960, 1965 and 1975. Juventus won in 1959. They also provided many of the players for the Italian and Yugoslav teams which took part in the Laidlaw World Cup competitions for the various nationalities which contributed to Victorian football

through the years. In the 1950s through to the 1970s the two clubs drew excellent crowds to their derby games which were often the match of the day at Olympic Park. In 1963 the first league meeting in front of 5,500 on 11 May was won by JUST by five goals to two. Van der Poel scored two, and Frank Micic, Alex Jagodic and an own goal by Wally Patterson accounted for the winner's tally while Raffaele Acunzo scored both goals for Juventus. Another 6,000 came to the return fixture on 3 August again at Olympic Park and JUST came out on top once more by two goals to one. Verko Mladenovic and Ivan Piki scored for JUST and Jimmy Millar for Juventus.

In 1969 JUST won the league by a point from Juventus, who in turn only pipped Wilhelmina on goal difference. That year a top four competition for the State League Cup was introduced and Juventus got up against JUST in the final by three goals to two after the teams had been locked at one-all after 90 minutes.

In 1970 Juventus swept all before it winning the State League, the League Cup and the Dockerty Cup. The following year it defended the Dockerty Cup beating JUST in a see-sawing final which went to extra-time before Juventus scored twice through Dino di Marchi and Bryan Thompson to gain back-to-back Cups. The line-ups that day included: Mike Harby, Pat Della Rocca, Maurice Bonfieni, Jock Goodwin, Keith Lakey, Crombie, Sandy Irvine, Ron Frost, Dino De Marchi, Bryan Thomson, Keith Webster. Coach: Paddy Sloane for Juventus. JUST was represented by: Jim Milisavljevic, Mate Zivkovic, Geoff Evans,



Mehmet Durakovic, current coach of Melbourne Victory, dances with Oscar Crino in a Juventus v JUST match of the late 1980s. Photo: Les Shorrock. Deakin University Library.

Mike Rosca, Billy Rice, Frank Micic, Dan Zoraja, Marjan Lopatic, Steve Rujevic, Branko Buljevic, Mracinkiewicz.

But the rivalry was put on hold in league competition after JUST was accepted into the National Soccer League which kicked off in 1977. It was not till the competition was split into two conferences in 1984 that the two came face to face in the league once again and in 1986 they finished first and second on 28 point each in the Southern Division. Juventus had the better goal difference but it was JUST that got to the final of the top five series only to lose to Adelaide City, the eventual national champion. This was really the swansong for both teams, which dropped out of the NSL and down the leagues, but while the rivalry lasted it lit up the Victorian season with a series of excellent competitive and skillful games and with many wonderful players.



The elegant long-striding Frank Micic, a pillar of the JUST teams over many years. Photo: Laurie Schwab Collection, Deakin University.



1970 The "grand slam" team. Standing: G. Rottura (Treasurer), G. Medorini (Prop. Steward), De Marchi, Webster, Medri, Harby, Lakey, Thompson, Kinnell, G. Simionato (Team Manager), E. Martin (Secretary). Front: L. Lazzari (Masseur), Tarquinio, Della Rocca, Frost, Thomson, Dockerty, Sandison, McColl. (Missing from the group Reilly, Irvine and Salisbury).

The Juventus team of 1970 which won the State League, the League Cup and the Dockerty Cup, and beat the champions of NSW, South Australia and Western Australia in one-off games. Source: Egilberto Martin, Juve! Juve!, p. 107.



Ernie Tapai (right) tangles with Sergio Melta of the other Juventus (Adelaide City) in 1986. Photo: Les Shorrock. Deakin University Library.

Juventus downs champions, 4-1

By GEOFF BARDSLEY

Juventus played typical Cup-tie football to trounce champions J.U.S.T. 4-1 in a ding-dong struggle in the first semi-final of the Dockerty Cup at Olympic Park this afternoon.

J.U.S.T. were the first to set up an attack move and Vidovic headed in from point-blank range after only eight minutes.

Then the Italians got into their stride and after 15 minutes Platco equalised from 20 yards out.

Aranyi gave Juventus a 2-1 lead after 23 minutes when he raced through and scored on his own.

An ugly clash developed between Rako (J.U.S.T.) and Salco (Juventus) after 23 minutes in the second spell which resulted in Rako being ordered off by referee Harrison.

Salco was assisted from the field in obvious pain.

With only 15 minutes to go Juventus still led 2-1 and play, with 10 men a side, had become tense.

When Breesan scored for Juventus with 10 minutes to go, the Italians were virtually in the final. Aranyi added another four minutes later to give Juventus a winning 4-1 lead.

SOCCER

ARMSTRONG CUP
Slavia 1 v Polonia 1.
JUNIOR A
St. Kilda 5 d. Sunshine City 2.
JUNIOR B
Dandenong 2 d. Essendon 1.
JUNIOR C
Essendon walk over from TCI.
JUNIOR D
Sunshine City "A" 2 d. Essendon 0.

Geoff Bardsley reports a fiery clash between Juventus and JUST in the Dockerty Cup in 1957. Sporting Globe, 21 September 1957, p. 15.

Stars of tomorrow ready to hit the heights

By Daniel Quinn

The National Youth League kicks off this week and DANIEL QUINN previews each club, detailing their chances, player movement and the registered squads.

Gold Coast United

Gold Coast United go into the new 2011/12 season after winning the National Youth League (NYL) for the second time in two seasons. Due to not the NYL having no final series Gold Coast won the title 6 points ahead of Central Cost Mariners, accumulating a total of 41 points over 26 games. In those 26 games they had the best attacking and defensive record in the league. Joshua Brillante, Ben Halloran and Chris Harold were key. Along with Zachary Anderson they were promoted to the senior squad this season after an impressive season. Under 17 Joey Mitch Cooper, promising forward Chris Lucas and former Brisbane Roar youngster Daniel Bowles will be vital if they want to regain their title.

Gold Coast United Squad

Tim ANDERSON (GK), Brendan WHITE (GK), Jacob BORG, Neko VUJEVICH, Matija SIMIC, Daniel BOWLES, Koh SATAKE, Mitchell BEVAN, Daniel BRAGG, Mitch COOPER, Bobby RUSSELL, Elliott RONTO, Chris LUCAS, Kwame YEBOAH

Head Coach
Mike Mulvey

Central Coast Mariners

Runner-up's Central Coast Mariners have former AIS skipper Nikola Stanojevic back from injury. Mitchell Duke who scored 11 goals last season along with new captain Jimmy Oates, Brendan Griffin and Anthony Caceres will be important figures. Ben Jurman, the brother of Brisbane Roar's Matthew Jurman is also in there squad. The Mariner's leading goal scorer from last season Bernie Ibne-Isei has been promoted to the senior squad along with Sam Gallagher. The Mariner's will be a force to be reckon with like they have in the past.

Central Coast Mariners Squad

Dylan MITCHELL (GK), Hayden MORTON, Joshua DASILVA, Adam JENNER, Nick LITTLER, Anthony CACERES, Brendan GRIFFIN, Jimmy OATES (c), Nikola STANOJEVIC, Mitchell DUKE, Kwabena APPIAH-KUBI, Zac FREEBURN, Ben JURMAN, David BRADA-SEVIC (GK)

Head Coach
Tony Walmsley

Adelaide United

Adelaide United continued their good form in the NYL with a third place finish like the previous season. Their defence was their weakness as the conceded the third most amount of goals. Evan Kostopoulos were their top goals scorer with 9 goals. Evan with Allan Welsh, Dion Kirk and Liam Wooding are a few who have been retained. Up and coming forward



Gold Coast United celebrate winning back-to-back NYL titles last season. Can they make it a hat-trick this time around? Photo: ADRIAN GAGLIONE

Francesco Monterosso however hasn't, as has Bradley Norton. Jake Monaco joins for the AIS with Teeboy Kamara and will be key with Mark Birighitti who will get game time in the NYL side. Paulo Izzo and Jacob Melling will also be important once they move from the AIS in January.

Adelaide United 2011/12 National Youth League Squad
Teeboy KAMARA, John MAVROMATIS, Jordan ELSEY, Christopher ANICCHIARICO, Jake MONACO, Liam WOODING, Dion KIRK, Nick MAVROMATIS, Scott NAGEL, Ian KAMAU, Allan WELSH, Evan KOSTOPOULOS, Michael MARKHAM, Shaun HARVEY, John HALL, Nick MUNRO

Head Coach
Michael Valkanis

Sydney FC

Sydney FC who won the first season in 2008/09 finished fourth last season with Kofi Danning finishing their top scorer with 9 goals. Brendan Gan and Matt Jurman with Danning have since moved on to other clubs. Rhyann Grant has also been promoted to their senior squad. Jared Lum and Blake Powell are the only players who were retained. Mitchell Mallia joins from Central Coast Mariners and Joe Gibbs joins after spending last season in Belgium and with Manly United in the NSWPL. Consistency was their problem last season so the new squad will have to gel quick if they want to change their fortunes.

Sydney FC Squad
Ryan NORVAL (GK), Marko BOZIC

(GK), Jordan CRIGHTON, Simon VALASTRO, Tomislav MIJIC, Daniel PETKOVSKI, Hagi GLIGOR, Hassan DARAMY, Jared LUM, Mitchell MALLIA, Joe GIBBS, Christopher NAUMOFF, Jason MADONIS, BLAKE POWELL, Caleb RUFER, Jordan FIGON
Head Coach
Ian Crook

AIS

The Australian Institute of Sport improved on their inaugural season with a fifth place finish in 2010/11. Joeys Jesse Makarounas, Hernan Espindola, Paulo Izzo, Corey Brown and Jake Barker-Daish were key players. However all have moved on. Makarounas to Perth, Espindola to Melbourne Victory, Brown to Brisbane Roar and Barker-Daish to Gold Coast. Important figures Anthony Proia, Yianni Perkatiss and captain Connor Chapman have been retained but Jake Monaco is other who has moved on to Adelaide. Jacob Melling and Paul Izzo will both join Adelaide on January 1st so it is important that the AIS get the best out of those two while they can. Gary van Egmond was announced as Newcastle Jets Senior Coach so a replacement is get to be named.

AIS Squad
Daniel BARAC, Kwabena BOAHENE, Connor CHAPMAN, Matthew DAVIES, Stephen DOMENICI, James FIELD, Benjamin GARUCCIO, Jack GREEN, Paul IZZO, Stefan MAUK, Jacob MELTING, Mitchell OXBORROW, Yianni PERKATIS, Anthony PROIA, Michael TAURASI, Jordan THURTELL, Benjamin WARLAND, Jakob WILLIAMS, Riley WOODCOCK

Head Coach
TBA

Brisbane Roar

Despite finishing the 2010/11 season in sixth they did make an improvement on the previous season which they finished second last. Top goal scorer Matt Thurtell has been retained and he will look to improve on the seven goals he scored last season. Alistair Quinn, Ross Archibald and Chris Bush have been retained. Daniel Bowles has moved onto Gold Coast Utd, Josh Groenewald to Melbourne Heart and Luke Brattan has been promoted to Roar's senior squad. Joey Corey Brown, Nick Fitzgerald and George Lambadaridis will be key. Those three have also been registered for the seniors.

Brisbane Roar Squad
Matt ACTON, Ross ARCHIBALD, Jack BLADEN, Brandon BORRELO, Chris BUSH, Tomislav CIRJAK, James DONACHIE, Ken DOUGALL, Jason GERIA, Alistair QUINN, Matt THURTELL, James ECCLES, Corey BROWN, George LAMBADARIDIS, Nick FITZGERALD.

Head Coach
John Sime

Newcastle Jets

Newcastle Jets during the 2010/11 season finished seventh, a position which they placed the season before. Steven Veleski and Fabian Iacovelli ended up with the most goals but neither are retained for this season. Jacob Pepper,

Kyle Ewart and Jack Duncan were key last season and all have been retained. Luke Remington who played at the 2011 Under 17 World Cup is also back and will add some flair on the flanks. Head Coach Craig Deans was put in charge of the Seniors after Branko Culina was sacked and will stay on as one of Gary van Egmond's Assistant's.

Newcastle Jets Squad
Jack DUNCAN, Daniel LAIMAN, Luke REMINGTON, Nick COWBURN, David VRANKOVIC, Abe WHEELHOUSE, Blake GREEN, Kyle EWART, Louis BOZANIC, Jacob PEPPER, Scott PETTIT, Kale BRADBERRY, David TALEVSKI, Alex READ, Andrew HOOLE (GK), Luke TURNBULL (GK)

Head Coach
TBA

Melbourne Victory

The Victory last season spent most of the season towards the bottom, eventually finishing second last with 21 points. 1 point ahead of last placed Perth Glory. Their leading scorer Dado (Damir) Lokvancic is back with Paulo Retre and Luke O'Dea but Football Superstar Luke Pilkington, James Kalafatis and David Stirton are not retained. This season Jimmy (James) Jeggo is fit after signing a senior deal. Under 17 Joey Hernan Espindola and Hume City Defender Adam Nakic join the squad. Senior Goalkeeper Lawrence Thomas should get game time especially with Covic and Velaphi in his way. Victory go into this season with a new coach after Mehmet Durakovic was promoted to the seniors. Darren Davies from Queensland

Academy of Sport has come in with former Kiwi International Vaughan Coveny as his assistant.

Melbourne Victory Squad

Rani DOWISHA (GK), Nicholas ANSELL, James JEGGO, Luc JEGGO, Adam NAKIC, Daniel CHAABANI, Christopher CRISTALDO, John BUCETO, Damir LOKVANCIC, Jake NAKIC, Paulo RETRE, Luke O'DEA, Hernan ESPINDOLA
Head Coach
Darren Davies

Perth Glory

Perth finished last season in last despite losing in the Grand Final the year before. Cameron Edwards, Howard Fondyke and Joshua Risdon were key last season. Risdon has been promoted to the seniors while Edwards has joined Reading in England. Meanwhile Fondyke is in Scotland trialling. However O'Neill, O'Brien and Mitchinson have been retained. Adam Taggart and Tommy Amphlett have also been promoted while Brent Griffiths has joined Wellington Phoenix on a senior contract

Perth Glory Squad

Blamo QUAQUA, Brandon O 'NEILL, Ryan LOWRY, Ndumba MAKECHE, Jack CLISBY, Storm ROUX, Clayton ARNEZ, Lewis ITALIANO, Aleksander JOVIC, Reece VITTIGLIA, Harry O'BRIEN, Devon SPENCE, Alex CANNIGLIA, Byron HUDSON, Scott GALLOWAY, Sam MITCHINSON
Head Coach
Gareth Naven

Melbourne Heart

Melbourne Heart go into their inaugural NYL season with John Aloisi at the helm with Arthur Papas, formally of Oakleigh Cannons as his Assistant. Heart selected their squad from State League clubs in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia. Charles King, Craig Goodwin, Philip Petreski and Kristian Konstantinidis are the key signings. They have also picked up former Victory Keeper Sebastian Mattei with former North Geelong youngster Thomas Dunn as his back-up. Brodie Patterson joins from the AIS, another former Joey. Zac Walker joins from Ross Aloisi's West Adelaide after impressing on the score sheet. Walker is definitely one to look out for.

Melbourne Heart Squad

Billy LIOLIOS, Charles KING, Craig GOODWIN, Josh GROENEWALD, Jeremy WALKER, Philip PETRESKI, Alon BLUMGART, Daniel PELUSO, Brodie PATTERSON, Bradley TRELOAR, Kristian KONSTANTINIDIS, Thomas DUNN (GK), Dusan BOSNJAK, Sebastian MATTEI (GK), Zac WALKER, Stipo ANDRIJASEVIC

Head Coach
John Aloisi

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Women prepare for the big season kick off

By Ann Odong

While defending champions Brisbane and Season Two champions Sydney head in the 2011/12 competition heavy title favourites, there are no shortage of challengers. Most clubs have strengthened with the addition of the best young Australian talent complimented by several highly credentialed internationals, as the competition shapes up to be a closely contested one.

Brisbane

Defending and two time winners, the Roar are an impressive unit. With no less than 10 current Matildas and Young Matildas, Jeff Hopkins's squad are tough to combat in attack and break down in defence. Built on a strong defence that includes FIFA All-Star defender Elise Kellond-Knight, and a creative and potent forward line headlined by Tameka Butt, Brisbane will again be well organised down back, quick in transition and damaging in attack.

Squad: Laura Alleway, Ellen Beaumont, Joanne Burgess, Tameka Butt, Catherine Can-nuli, Kim Carroll, Casey Dumont, Emily Gielnik, Lana Harch Elise Kellond-Knight, Hoshimi Kishi Aivi Luik Sasha McDonnell, Clare Polkinghorne, Vedrana Popovic, Karla Reuter, Brooke Spence, Ashley Spina

Sydney FC

The Sky Blues are set to be Brisbane's main challengers. The two have built up a fierce rivalry with both suffering a grand final loss at the other's hands. Kyah Simon, Leena Khamis, Kylie Ledbrook and the returning Sarah Walsh make Sydney the most exciting team going forward. But with the addition of Thea Slatyer and Americans Estelle Johnson and Allison Lipsher, breaking them down could be tougher task than stopping them.

Squad: Teigan Allen, Victoria Ba-lomenos, Alisha Bass, Danielle Brogan, Caitlin Foord, Heather Garriock, Monique Jackson, Estelle Johnson, Leena Khamis, Sham Khamis, Kylie Ledbrook, Allison Lipsher, Teresa Polias, Megan Rapinoe, Renee Rolla-son, Kyah Simon, Thea Slatyer, Rachael Soutar, Servet Uzunlar, Sarah Walsh, Brittany Whitfield

Canberra United

United lead the chasing pack and rightly so. They are the only other



Double Dutch: In what was a record-breaking year for the club, Brisbane Roar enjoy the spoils of their W-League title last season and emulate the achievements of their male counterparts. Photo: PAUL LAU



The future is orange: The Roar celebrate after last season's grand final victory over Sydney FC. Photo: PAUL LAU

team, apart from the top two, to make the finals every season. Czech coach Jitka Klimkova takes over the 'Green Machine' and has kept their core players from last season. Defensively Canberra should be strong once again but they will need a Michelle Heyman and Caitlin Munoz led strike force to fire if they are to hold off challengers and break the duopoly.

Squad: Jennifer Bisset, Leah Blayney, Ellie Brush, Aaron Clansey, Caitlin Cooper, Grace Gill, Taryn Hemmings, Michelle Heyman, Kahliia Hogg, Caitlin Munoz, Ellyse Perry, Hayley Raso, Sally Rojahn, Sally Shipard, Ash-leigh Sykes, Nicole Sykes, Snez Veljanovska, Christine Walters,

Lydia Williams, Georgia Yeoman-Dale

Melbourne Victory

The Victory are looking to back up a breakthrough season in which the Victorians had their first taste of finals action. Coach Vicki Linton has strengthened all areas of the park with American Danielle Johnson coming in as defensive cover, Young Matilda Katrina Gorry adding to the midfield while local strikers Laura Spiranovic and Steph Tanti bolster the attack. A deeper squad than last season, no less than a finals place should be a disappointment for the Victory.

Melbourne Victory: Enza Barilla, Louisa Bisby, Ashley Brown,



Shawn Billiam (Perth), Joanne Peters (Newcastle), Ariane Hingst (Newcastle), Louisa Bisby (Melbourne) at the W-League season launch on Monday night. Photo: ANN ODONG

Stephanie Catley, Brianna Davey, Cassandra Dimovski, Kendall Fletcher ,Caitlin Friend, Katrina Gorry, Amy Jackson, Danielle Johnson, Gulcan Koca, Georgie Koutrouvelis, Rita Mankowska, Maika Ruyter-Hooley, Laura Spiranovic, Rebekah Stott, Stephanie Tanti, Jodie Taylor, Jackie Vogt

Perth Glory

The Glory have been close to finals action every season without success. Now Perth stalwart Jamie Harnwell takes up the reigns in what is set to be a make or break season. The Glory have lost some significant experience all across the pitch with Matildas trio Sam Kerr, Katie Gill and Collette McCallum

unavailable. Harnwell has turned to some promising youth and local talent including Sarah Carroll, Lara Filocamo and Jaymee Gibbons. However, this season it will be their W-League veterans that need to step up.

Perth Glory: Mackenzie Arnold, Shawn Billiam, Sarah Carroll, Emily Dunn, Elisa D'Vidio, Erika Elze, Lara Filocamo, Jaymee Gibbons, Carys Hawkins, Katie Holtham, Katarina Jukic, Sadie Lawrence ,Ella Mastrantonio Shannon May, Tanya Oxtoby, Marianna Tabain

Newcastle Jets

Few teams have been busier than the Jets in the off-season. Former

Round One

Saturday, October 22

Adelaide United v Canberra United
Hindmarsh Stadium
KO 2:15pm (AEDT)

Saturday, October 22

Sydney FC v Brisbane Roar
Leichhardt Oval KO 3:00pm

Saturday, 22 October

Melbourne Victory v Perth Glory
Veneto Club, Bulleen KO 5:00pm

Newcastle Jets - Weekend Break

Socceroo Clayton Zane and former Matildas Joanne Peters head up the club and they have lured some big national and international names to the Hunter region. The Jets have a strong spine with Matildas captain Melissa Barbieri between the sticks, 2x World Cup winner German Ariane Hingst in defence, Novocastrian Emily Van Egmond controlling the midfield and Lisa De Vanna leading the lines. They should be the big improver and don't be too surprised if they gain a finals berth.

Newcastle Jets: Tara Andrews, Melissa Barbieri, Bronte Bates, Hannah Brewer, Nicola Bolger, Stacey Day, Lisa De Vanna, Rh-ali Dobson, Ariane Hingst, Alex Huynh, Alanna Kennedy, Mon-nique Kofoed, Cassandra Kop-pen, Alison Logue, Linda O'Neill, Gemma Pearce, Gema Simon, Emily Van Egmond

Adelaide United

Adelaide United will be looking to gain their first win in just a little over two seasons. New Zealander David Edmondson takes charge of the Lady Reds and he has collected a squad of the best players in South Australia. Edmondson has also re-cruited fellow countrywomen Anna Green and Abby Erceg to bring experience with the latter named Adelaide's new captain. It is a young, quick and talented side assembled and new face might just prove the tonic.

Squad: Nenita Burgess, Emma Checker, Donna Cockayne, Daniela Di Bartolo, Katherine Ebbs, Abby Erceg, Angela Fim-mano, Greta French-Kennedy, Anna Green, Kristi Harvey, Grace Henry, Ashleigh Gunning, Geor-gia Macri, Sian McLaren, Ebony Philcox, Rachael Quigley, Mari-jana Rajcic, Vanessa Reed, Le-anne Slater Ruth Wallace



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Thrashings, 0-0 draws and presidential re-elections

Latin Wrap



Francis Fields

It has been a week of thrashings by the away sides across the continent and goalless draws.

Universidad de Chile got theirs in the Copa Sudamericana quarter finals, América in Mexico away to Monterrey with a 3-0 away win in the Mexican Apertura championship while Boca Juniors remain on top in Argentina despite a 0-0 draw to River Plate's relegation nemesis, Belgrano.

The other highlighted result was in Chile, after a much-publicised and highly controversial decision from the court of appeals and the municipality of Santiago, Universidad Católica were awarded the right to host one of the three big Chilean derbies against popular outfit Colo-Colo last weekend.

However the controversy was that Católica played to no visiting away fans due to security measures which sparked angry cries of social discrimination, due to the fact the stadium is located in an uptown location in the city.

On the field though, it was a demolition with the university side thumping the club giants 4-0 convincingly with two goals by idol Milovan Mirosevic, Felipe Gutiérrez and the fourth by former Colo-Colo defender Roberto Cereceda.

Brazil saw the pick of the action during the week in São Paulo as Palmeiras lost to visiting Fluminense 2-0 with a brilliant brace of headers by international Fred - (not his namesake at Melbourne Heart).

São Paulo got crushed 3-0 by Atlético Goianiense and saw coach Adilson Batista sacked. They seem to be performing a lot better in the Copa Sudamericana, while league leaders Corinthians beat Cruzeiro 2-0 with Vasco da Gama breathing by the neck in second place with a win over Atlético Mineiro in the Brazilian championship.

Mexico saw the Guadalajara derby shifted to the old, giant colossal Jalisco stadium where Chivas beat Estudiantes UAG 5-2 as the Panamerican Games went underway this week. Stay tuned for an update in the football men and women's tournaments in next week's issue.

Chivas remain a point behind league leaders Santos Laguna with an enter-



Ronaldinho and Flamengo could not stop the attacking-minded Universidad de Chile to a thumping at home at the Engenhão stadium in Rio de Janeiro.



Carlos Tévez seen here at the La Bombonera stadium in the stands. He may return home to Argentina with club side Boca Juniors where it all began.

taining 3-2 win at home to Toluca in Torreón where Mexico played Brazil in an international friendly last week.

Santos backed up yesterday with a valuable win in the CONCACAF Champions League winning 2-0 over MLS side Colorado Rapids.

Peñarol lead in Uruguay despite a 0-0 to second-placed Cerro while Nacional are catching up along with Defensor Sporting in the Apertura or Opening championship.

There have also been off-field dramas as usual with corruption allegations being formally processed for the chief of Argentinian football and would Boca Juniors make the efforts for a Carlos Tévez return?

COPA SUDAMERICANA

The first team through to the tournament's quarter finals are Ecuador's LDU de Quito who surpassed Argentina's Independiente de Avellaneda. The other side through this week is a cup specialist in Argentina's Arsenal de Sarandí - not the Londoners who are through after eliminating Paraguayan giants Olimpia of Asunción.

In what was a repeat of last year's final, last week saw Independiente get a 1-0 at home at the Doble Visera or Libertadores de América stadium in the southern Buenos Aires suburb although the win was not enough to continue due to a 2-0 first leg win by LDU at the Ecuadorian capital city.

It was a match full of emotions after Leonel Núñez finally struck before half-time for the Red Devils though the 2009 champions held on to eliminate the current defending champions. LDU de Quito now awaits to confront the winner of Paraguay's Libertad and Brazilian giant São Paulo who boast of veterans Rivaldo and Luis Fabiano in their squad once again.

The shock result was yesterday in Rio de Janeiro at the Engenhão stadium where Flamengo were humiliated at home by Universidad de Chile.

Not even Ronaldinho and his trickery could match a speedy, lightning-fast passing game by the Chilean side who dominated throughout the match and got the reward on 13 minutes after a strike from left back José Rojas hit the post and Flamengo's goalkeeper Felipe.

From then on, man of the match and AC Milan prospect Eduardo Vargas began firing from all angles. His quick double in succession, on 41 and 42 minutes already sealed an historic thrashing for the Chileans. Eduardo Vargas leads the tournament goal tally with 5 over LDU de Quito's Argentinian forward Luis Hernán Barcos with four.

On 72 minutes, it was Argentinian Gustavo Lorenzetti who made it 4-0 on a counter-attack after Ronaldinho and Thiago Neves spearheaded a relentless fightback for Flamengo and had hit the post before Universidad de Chile broke away.

The winner no doubt should be Universidad de Chile who return next week at an expected capacity crowd in Santiago for the return leg and meet Argentina's Arsenal de Sarandí in the quarters. The Buenos Aires club dispatched Paraguay's giant side Olimpia yesterday 3-2 in another thriller.

Christian Trombetta, Emilio Zelaya and Gustavo Blanco got on the score sheet for Arsenal - the latter of 84 minutes and the winner while Pablo Zeballos scored a brace for the Paraguayan side putting the sides 2-2. The first leg was a scoreless draw.

Today on Friday, Australian local time sees the remainder of the second-legs between Peru's Universitario up against Godoy Cruz of Mendoza, Argentina who hold a 1-1 draw in Men-

doza so the Peruvian side with everything to win and Vélez Sarsfield play at home in the north-west of Buenos Aires at the Amalfitani stadium or the "Fortín de Liniers" following a comfortable 2-0 away lead from their win in Santiago to Universidad Católica in the first leg.

Still on Arsenal de Sarandí though, known as the club where it all began for Argentina's thuggish chief Julio Grondona in his 36-year reign in the football-mad country.

On Wednesday, Grondona was re-elected for an unprecedented ninth term which will keep him in office until 2015. Observers say it is an appalling result for Argentinian, South American and world football as the FIFA vice president and 80-year old who faces corruption charges and fraud.

On the eve of the re-election as president of the Argentine Football Association, formal and serious allegations of fraud and money-laundering allegations were lodged.

The 80-year-old Grondona was the only candidate ahead of the 46-0 vote by Argentine clubs. His re-election to a ninth four-year term comes despite a fraud complaint by business rival Carlos Ávila, who accuses Grondona of hiding \$30 million in Swiss bank accounts.

Images on television appearing from a hidden camera from Argentinian television channels C5N and América shows Grondona speaking to a businessman.

"I have proof and witnesses picking up dirty money", it says in one of the captions. Grondona have been filed for fraudulent administration and the case is being held by federal judge Jorge López.

"This man who is linked to football for decades is linked with fraud. As a result of our journalistic investigation, the

head of the illegal acts is Mr Grondona with large sums of money", declared Mariano Cúneo Libarona, lawyer of businessman Carlos Ávila.

BOCA TO TRY BRING BACK TÉVEZ

Boca Juniors plans an ambitious raid to try and take unsettled Manchester City striker Carlos Tévez back to Argentina.

The forward is still facing an uncertain future in England as City continue with their investigations into his alleged refusal to step off the bench during a Champions League tie with Bayern Munich.

Boca is keen to return the 27-year-old to his roots and bring him back to the club where it all began. The Argentine outfit is seeking permission to bring in a new striker on an emergency loan after losing Lucas Viatri to a serious ligament knee injury for six months against Belgrano on the weekend.

Club legend and play maker Juan Román Riquelme is also suspected to have an injury and has been assessed this week, likely to miss out on the weekend's round of action.

Boca is keen to have someone in by next week and president Jose Beraldi has confirmed talks are planned with City regarding Tévez.

"We will make an attempt for Carlos Tévez, who is not playing at Manchester City," he said. "We know it will be difficult but we will try."

It remains to be seen whether Boca could finance a deal, but Beraldi revealed last week that the club will do all it can to bring Tévez home.

He said: "The doors are always open to Carlitos. He is a Boca fan and an idol and a key piece in many of our achievements. This is his home. He grew up at the club."

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Mexican teams Morelia and Monterrey and Canada's Toronto all qualified for the quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Champions League on Tuesday.

Morelia came from behind to beat Costa Rica's Alajuelense 2-1 in Group A, Toronto overcame Dallas 3-0 in Group C to eliminate their MLS rival and, in Group D, Monterrey won 2-1 at the already qualified Seattle Sounders.

Mexico's Santos Laguna is the other team already through, with the remaining three quarterfinal places to be decided in matches Thursday and Friday.

Visiting Alajuelense took the lead against Morelia in the 37th minute with Argentine Pablo Gabas scoring with a left-foot shot from 35 meters.

Substitute Joao Rojas equalized for Morelia in the 56th, before Miguel Sabah's near-post header gave the Mexican team the lead three minutes later.

Dutchman Danny Koevermans opened the scoring for Toronto against Dallas in the 29th, with Joao Plata adding two second half goals. Toronto has 10 points in Group C, Pumas UNAM has eight, Dallas seven and Panamanian team Tauro five.

In Group D, Abraham Carreño scored the first for reigning champion Monterrey in the 3rd minute. Fredy Montero equalized for Seattle just before half-time, but Argentine Cesar Delgado got the winner for Monterrey in the 60th.

Monterrey has won the group with 12 points, with the Sounders second on 10 points. The other teams in Group D, Guatemala's Comunicaciones and Costa Rica's Herediano, are out of contention, but play on Wednesday.

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Are Man United Overrated?

LONDON CALLING



With Leroy Robinson in the UK

They may be unbeaten, they may be second in the league and they may have just come off a creditable draw at Anfield and a 2-0 win in Romania, but are the most decorated club in English football currently a little overrated?

Sir Alex Ferguson pointed out after the game with Liverpool that they'd played most of the top sides and declared himself pleased with their unbeaten start.

This is a little misleading. They played Spurs, Chelsea and Arsenal at home, where they are neigh on impregnable. They were pretty fortunate to come out of Anfield with a draw and in the UEFA Champions league they have looked wholly inadequate against footballing minnows FC Basle and ditto against a spirited and yet inferior Benfica side.

First off, what's the definition of overrated? They are one of the favourites to win the UCL and the league, and yet having watched most of their games this season, I can't help wonder if people are looking at them with rose-tinted spectacles.

Yes, they have strengthened last year's Premier League winning squad with Phil Jones, David de Gea and Ashley Young: and at least two of these players look to be excellent signings. The question is are these signings really enough to keep up with noisy neighbours Man City and with a Barcelona squad that outplayed them in the UCL final earlier in the year?

The answer to the former is maybe and to the latter a definite no. The first half of the UCL game against Otelul Galati could only be described as pedestrian. United, blighted by a lack of creativity, may have controlled the midfield but they didn't have the guile to open up a team that are probably the worst in this year's Champions League. Not that they weren't the better side overall but their performance wouldn't have scared any-

one, not even the other teams in their group.

During the off-season it was said that United were sorely missing a creative midfielder. The constant speculation about Luka Modric and Wesley Sneijder - though in the end no more than paper talk - were extremely prophetic. United need a link between defence and attack, someone to knit the play together, create something from nothing and dictate a game. If SAF is thinking the same thing he'll now have to wait until January. But any potential signing will most likely be cup-tied for Europe.

That's not to say that United are rubbish. Let's put it into context: they will go back to the top of league if they can beat neighbours City on Sunday and they should still qualify from their UCL group for the 15th time in 16 years, especially as they still have two out of the three remaining games at home. Add three UCL finals in four years and United are not on the wane.

However, by their standards, nothing short of winning trophies is acceptable. They were given a severe footballing lesson at Wembley by FC Barcelona and at times against the Romanian side they looked utterly punchless. What may concern them is their defence. It has conceded four goals in three UCL games, whereas they conceded that number leading up to the final last year, if my stats are correct.

The problem is simple. They may have talented players at the back but they do not have a settled back four. I also have to question if the central midfielders like Carrick, Anderson, Fletcher and Giggs are good enough to dominate against the really top teams.

It could be argued, and quite rightly that United have come off a game at Anfield and an away game in the UCL having picked up four points. Meaning they should be happy. But they will have sterner tests ahead.



Luis Suarez and Patrice Evra exchange pleasantries during the Liverpool versus Manchester United match last weekend.

This year's UCL tournament is one of the strongest ever with Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, FC Barcelona, AC Milan and Chelsea looking very strong. There are also dark horses like Borussia Dortmund, Arsenal, Napoli and Manchester City - all of whom have much stronger teams on paper than anything United have come up against thus far.

Its early doors but the Red Devils need to show a bit more wickedness if they are to appear in May's final at the Allianz Arena in Munich.

EPL: NO RELEGATION? NO CHANCE!

Earlier this week it was suggested by a high-ranking official within the game that certain owners might wish to do away with promotion and relegation and adopt a franchise system like they have in the United States. All it takes is for 14 of the 20 Premier League owners to come to an agreement and there goes over a hundred years of history.

"...there are a number of overseas-owned clubs already talking about bringing about the avoidance of promotion and relegation in the Premier League," said Richard Bevan, Chief of the League Managers Association.

"If we have four or five more new owners, that could happen," he added.

The first thing to understand about this non-story is that there are no proposals. Unfortunately, tell that to the UK media who seem to be dressing this up as if it could come into force tomorrow. Words such as 'proposals' and 'idea' have been banded around without anyone coming out and saying where exactly they have come from. In fact, for all we know it could be Richard Bevan doing a bit of mischief. It seems to be the way of the world these days that rumour and speculation can be readily dressed as fact or even as news-worthy, so much so that lost in all the furore is the lack of meat on the bones.

But the story also plays into the inbred fears of English football fans about foreign owners somehow looking to expunge years of tradition an history for their own purposes, as if the fan are like so many lemmings following each other to games. Cue the many anti-American comments on forums which speculate as to who actually thought up this idea. In England, owners have almost always been reviled for making money out of the game whether they were English or not. In fact, some owners who were English have been vilified for only caring about investment opportunities.

The bottom line, as evidenced by what I have seen on forums, is not one person has come out in favour of the idea, which leads me

to believe it is doomed before it has even begun.

Such a move might artificially keep certain clubs in the top tier, but it would do nothing for the lower leagues, who strive to one gain a place at the top table of English football. What people seem to forget is that relegation has been a staple of English football and the fight at the bottom is often more intriguing than at the top, and it gives clubs something to play for.

The strength of the NFL is its franchise system but it is also its weakness. There is no motivation to improve and there are too many meaningless games near the tail-end of the season.

Some teams also have a habit of trading their better players when it becomes apparent they cannot make the players - often called a salary dump. That's why in MLB and the NFL, over the past couple of decade or so, they have increased the number of teams that can make the playoffs, to great effect. Oh, and one last reason this won't happen is that the Premier League have said they can veto any vote in favour of non-relegation.

Therefore this is a frivolous scare story, a fictional concept which quite frankly, I hope never to write about again.

FERMEZ LA BOUCHE PATRICE!
After last Saturday's game against Liverpool Patrice Evra

said to a French media outlet that Luis Suarez made a racist comment. The matter is in the hands of the footballing authorities so no one knows what the truth of the matter is. Suarez, for his part, denies this.

However, the most unsavoury aspect of this is that the Frenchman decided to go to the media with his complaint, therefore tainting Suarez before any final decision had been taken. I find his actions classless and reprehensible.

But that's the difference between a black player born in England and one born overseas. Someone like, say, Ashley Young, would probably take it to the relevant authorities and let them deal with it, whilst making no comment himself. Liverpool have, quite rightly, proposed that if Suarez is found innocent then Evra should be banned for going public.

Evra, for his part did the same when United played Chelsea a few years ago at Stamford Bridge. He got into a fight during the post-match warm down and was banned for four matches. Racism charges are very hard to prove unless TV evidence can clearly pick out the words Suarez is alleged to have said.

If this one isn't proved maybe the Premier League will let Evra contemplate his unpalatable actions with a 3-match ban and an order to keep it shut next time.

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EPL
Wrap



Steven Talevski

Manchester City is two points clear on top in the English Premier League leading into this weekend's clash with cross town rivals Manchester United.

Manchester United's one all draw away to Liverpool allowed for City to take top spot as they defeated Aston Villa 4-1 at the Etihad Stadium.

Manchester United went down in the 68th minute from a Steven Gerrard free kick as Sir Alex Ferguson looked to his all-star bench and brought on Wayne Rooney, Ashley Young and Javier Hernandez.

United scored their equaliser in the 81st minute as Javier Hernandez wiggled free in the penalty area and was able to put away a flicked corner to the delight of the travelling fans.

Manchester City's victory against Aston Villa saw goals from Mario Balotelli, Adam Johnson, Vincent Kompany and James Milner.

Former United midfielder Owen Hargraves made his EPL debut for City as he came on for Adam Johnson in the 77th minute.

Both clubs will go into Sundays clash

City on top heading into Manc derby



Liverpool seemed to have the upper hand against Manchester United but it took less than five minutes for the Red Devils to equalize after Sir Alex Ferguson brought on his big guns.

after wins in the midweek Champions League games as City won their first match in the competition after a late 2-1 victory over Villarreal while two Wayne Rooney penalties were enough to see United get over Romanian's Otelul Galati.

The Manchester derby isn't the only rivalry this weekend as Chelsea visit Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road in a West London derby.

Chelsea looks to continue their three match winning streak which has seen

them net 12 goals but will be without the suspended Fernando Torres and possibly Ramires who is in doubt with a knee injury.

Queens Park Rangers search for their first home victory this season as they announced DJ Campbell will be out for up to eight weeks with a suspected broken metatarsal.

QPR manager Neil Warnock blamed the popular lightweight boots that Campbell wears, "I think it is these stupid boots, they're like carpet slippers"

he said.

Aston Villa also play host in a derby as West Bromwich Albion visit Villa Park for a West Midlands derby.

Aston Villa will look to get back on the winner's list this week as their loss away to Manchester City was their first of the season while West Bromwich aim to continue their three match unbeaten run.

Hot off their 2-1 victory over Sunderland, Arsenal play host to Stoke City and look to overtake them as only two

points separate the two clubs. In other good news for Arsenal injured defender Thomas Vermaelen has committed to a contract extension that will see him remain at the Emirates until 2015.

Liverpool take on inform Norwich City who have won three of their last four games, with their only loss coming away to Manchester United.

Liverpool are coming off a one all draw against Manchester United in a match they could have taken all three points if it wasn't for the efforts of United goalkeeper David de Gea.

Off the field the UK government decided that there will be full disclosure of all government documents concerning the Hillsborough tragedy in 1989 where 96 Liverpool fans passed away.

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish, who was also manager on the day of the tragic incident, said "It's a fantastic success for the families. It's a huge step forward for them. They are getting access to what other people have seen, the papers that are there."

In other matches, surprise packets Newcastle United host Wigan Athletic after a dramatic two all draw where home town hero Shola Ameobi netted a 86th minute equaliser for Newcastle against Tottenham.

The Spurs visit Ewood Park to play bottom of the table Blackburn who have only won the one match this season

which was against Spur's bitter rivals Arsenal.

Sunderland visits Reebok Stadium to take on Bolton who is the only club without a point at home this season. In the battle of the Aussies, Tim Cahill's Everton visit Craven Cottage to face Mark Schwarzer's Fulham.

While the weekend kicks off with Wolverhampton taking on Swansea city with both teams coming off losses.

In off the field news, chief executive of the Leagues Managers Association Richard Bevan has suggested that several overseas based club owners want to introduce a franchise system in the Premier League meaning that relegation will be scrapped.

"There are a number of overseas owned clubs already talking about bringing about the avoidance of promotion and relegation in the Premier League. If we have four or five more new owners that could happen," Bevan said.

However these remarks have come under attack with Wigan owner Dave Whelan claiming he would take Wigan out of the premier league if this was to go through.

"If it was to happen I would resign from Wigan from the Premier League and go back and play in the Football League," Whelan told talkSPORT.



Big guns show their class in group stage

Group A

A last-gasp Sergio Agüero strike gave Manchester City a hard-fought 2-1 win over Villarreal in Group A of the Champions League.

Spanish midfielder Cani shocked the hosts at Etihad Stadium by striking in the fourth minute, but a Carlos Marchena own goal just before half-time restored parity, before substitute Agüero snuck home the winner.

In Italy, Bayern Munich's long run without conceding a goal came to an end in a 1-1 draw against Serie A outfit Napoli.

Toni Kroos had given the visitors a lead in the second minute, but Holger Badstuber's own goal ended goalkeeper Manuel Neuer's streak without conceding a goal at 1147 minutes.

Mario Gomez's second-half penalty could have won the match for the Bundesliga giants, but his tame effort was saved by Morgan De Sanctis, and both sides were forced to settle for a share of the spoils.

Group B

Inter Milan moved to the top of Champions League Group B after a 1-0 win over Lille, as CSKA Moscow went into second.

Inter's Giampaolo Pazzini scored what turned out to be the winning goal with a well-executed volley midway through the first half, stopping his side's recent bad run that saw them suffer two consecutive league defeats.

The victory moves Claudio Ranieri's team onto six points, two clear of both CSKA Moscow and Trabzonspor after the Russian side secured a 3-0 victory over their Turkish opponents.

Group C

Manchester United edged Otelul Galati 2-0 in a tight Champions League Group C encounter, while Benfica also won

A brace of penalties from Wayne Rooney gave United their first win of the group

stage, while captain Nemanja Vidic and the home side's Milan Perendija were sent off in Bucharest.

Meanwhile, Benfica moved top of the group with a hard-fought 2-0 win at Basel. Brazilian attacker Bruno Cesar gave them a 20th-minute lead at St Jakob-Park, before Paraguayan Oscar Cardozo, coming off the bench, sealed the points with a strike a quarter of an hour from the end.

Group D

Real Madrid maintained their perfect record in the Champions League with a 4-0 win over Lyon in Group D, while Ajax also won.

La Liga giants Real recorded a comfortable win at the Santiago Bernabeu thanks to goals from Karim Benzema, Sami Khedira and Sergio Ramos, as well as a Hugo Lloris own goal.

Lyon drop to third in the group after the loss, having collected four points, while Real are top with nine.

Ajax leapfrogged Lyon into second after recording a crucial 2-0 win over Dinamo Zagreb at Stadion Maksimir.

It took until the 49th minute for the Amsterdam club to break the deadlock through Derk Boerrigter, and Zagreb were unable to bounce back.

Christian Eriksen added a second in the 90th minute.

Group E

Chelsea continued their strong start in the Champions League with a 5-0 victory over Genk as Fernando Torres hit a double.

Goals from Branislav Ivanovic, Raul Meireles and Salomon Kalou sealed a comfortable win for Andre Villas-Boas' team as they kept top spot in Group E.

It was a match in which Torres silenced his critics as he played with new-found confidence against the Belgian champions, looking like the man who was once consid-



Fernando Torres scores twice as Chelsea hammer Genk to equal their biggest Champions League win.

ered one of the best strikers in the world. Elsewhere, Bayer Leverkusen extended their advantage in second in the group after a come-from-behind 2-1 win at home to Valencia.

Brazilian forward Jonas had given the La Liga side a 24th-minute lead at BayArena, but two goals in the space of five second-half minutes gave Leverkusen a lead they would not relinquish.

Forward Andre Schuerrle levelled before a superb finish from Sidney Sam had them 2-1 up after 56 minutes, and the Bundesliga outfit held on to open up a four-point gap over third-placed Valencia.

Group F

A stoppage-time winner from Aaron Ramsey has given Arsenal a 1-0 win over Marseille in the Champions League.

The Wales international struck in the second minute of additional time at the Stade Velodrome, sending Arsenal top of Group F on seven points.

In the other game, Olympiakos secured a deserved 3-1 win over Borussia Dortmund at Karaiskakis Stadium.

Jose Holebas, Rafik Djebbour and Francois Modesto scored for the hosts, who took full advantage of a poor display from the defending Bundesliga champions, who could only muster a Robert Lewandowski effort in reply.

Group G

Porto continue to struggle in the Champions League after a disappointing 1-1 draw to Group G rivals APOEL.

The Portuguese champions took the lead through the set-piece exploits of Brazilian striker Hulk early in the first half, but Ailton's vicious strike from distance ensured the Cypriot high-flyers returned to their native shores with a valuable point for their European campaign.

Meanwhile, Zenit St Petersburg twice came from behind to draw 2-2 with Shakhtar Donetsk at the Donbass Arena.

Group H

Barcelona kept top spot in Group H of the Champions League with a 2-0 win over Viktoria Plzen, while AC Milan also won.

UEFA Champions League - Match Day 3

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Group E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 B Múnich	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	7	1 Chelsea	3	2	1	0	8	1	7	7
2 Napoli	3	1	2	0	4	2	2	5	2 Leverkusen	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
3 Man City	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4	3 Valencia	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
4 Villarreal	3	0	0	3	1	6	-5	0	4 Genk	3	0	1	2	0	7	-7	1

Man City 2-1 Villareal
Napoli 1-1 Bayern Munich

Leverkusen 2-1 Valencia
Chelsea 5-0 Genk

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Group F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Inter	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6	1 Arsenal	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
2 CSKA	3	1	1	1	7	5	2	4	2 Marseille	3	2	0	1	4	1	3	6
3 Trabzon	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4	3 Olympia	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
4 Lille	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2	4 Dortmund	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1

CSKA 3-0 Trabzonspor
Lille 0-1 Inter Milan

Marseille 0-1 Arsenal
Olympiakos 3-1 Borussia Dortmund

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Group G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Benfica	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7	1 APOEL	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	5
2 Man Utd	3	1	2	0	6	4	2	5	2 Zenit	3	1	1	1	6	5	1	4
3 FC Basel	3	3	1	1	1	5	-1	4	3 FC Porto	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
4 Galați	3	0	0	3	1	5	-4	0	4 Shakhtar	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2

Galati 0-2 Man Utd
Basel 0-2 Benfica

Shakhtar Donetsk 2-2 Zenit
Porto 1-1 APOEL

Group D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Group H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 R Madrid	3	3	0	0	8	0	8	9	1 AC Milan	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	7
2 AFC Ajax	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4	2 Barcelona	3	2	1	0	9	2	7	7
3 Lyon	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4	3 BATE	3	0	1	2	1	8	-7	1
4 D Zagreb	3	0	0	3	0	5	-5	0	4 Viktoria	3	0	1	2	1	5	-4	1

Real Madrid 4-0 Lyon
Dinamo Zagreb 0-2 Ajax

Milan 2-0 BATE
Barcelona 2-0 Plzen

The impressive Andres Iniesta gave the Catalans an early lead with a lovely goal and David Villa rounded off the scoring with a late second after the hosts had missed a series of chances at Nou Camp.

AC Milan beat BATE Borisov 2-0 in the other match, meaning Barca remain top of

Group H on goal difference. The Serie A giants were convincing in their victory at the San Siro.

The home side missed a host of chances but still emerged the victors courtesy of goals from Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Kevin-Prince Boateng.



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Lazio claim Roman bragging rights



Luca Cetta

Round 7 of Serie A saw Lazio defeat their bitter rivals Roma 2-1 following a last-gasp winner as Milan got their season back on track. Juventus and Udinese drew but Inter and Napoli succumbed to defeat.

The Rome Derby took centre stage on Sunday night and Lazio could finally smile after five consecutive derby reverses. Pablo Osvaldo continued his recent good form to put Roma ahead after just five minutes. However, the game turned on its head shortly after the interval as Simon Kjær was adjudged to have pulled Cristian Brocchi's shirt inside the penalty area and subsequently sent off. Hernanes dispatched the spot-kick to draw Lazio level. They pushed for a winner but had to wait until the 93rd minute, where Miroslav Klose held off a defender before coolly slotting into the corner.

Biancocelestes midfielder Stefano Mauri was elated: "I still have chills from the derby last night. It was a fantastic evening. We struggled, we were made to sweat, but we eventually brought home the victory."

A day earlier, Milan returned to the winners list with a 3-0 triumph against Palermo. Antonio Nocerino opened the scoring in the first half and the returning Robinho doubled the advantage. Antonio Cassano closed the contest shortly after.

There were two shock 2-1 results in Catania and Naples. Esteban Cambiasso gave Inter an early lead in Sicily, only for



German international Miroslav Klose scores deep in injury time to clinch a dramatic derby win for Lazio against Roma.

Sergio Almiron to draw Catania level with a curling effort just after half time. Francesco Lodi converted a penalty minutes later to further increase pressure on Inter, who remain near the relegation zone.

Parma stunned Napoli as Francesco Modesto slid in at the back post 12 minutes from time to give the Gialloblu an unlikely win. Earlier, Massimo Gobbi's opener was cancelled out by Giuseppe Mascara.

Sunday's main theme was scoreless draws. Of the six afternoon matches, five ended 0-0. In fact, there were more red cards than goals. Joint leaders Juventus and Udinese both drew away from home, against Chievo and Atalanta respectively. Juve captain Alessandro Del Piero came closest when his header rebounded off the post. Udinese's Giampiero Pinzi saw red after two bookable offences.

Adrian Mutu was sent off for Cesena against his old side Fiorentina and will miss the next three matches. Cesena was unlucky to hit the woodwork twice.

Genoa was also reduced to ten men versus Lecce when Khaka Kaladze received two yellows in quick succession. He then refused to leave the field and abused the referee, resulting in a four match ban. Cagliari and Siena played out the final goalless draw.

The only match to see goals featured Stefano Pioli's Bologna away at Novara. Pioli got his first win thanks to Gaston Ramirez and Robert Acquafresca, with Novara tactician Attilio Tesser sent to the stands. There was a frightening moment in the first half when Novara goalkeeper Samir Ujkani and teammate Michel Morgarella collided heavily, resulting in the shot-stopper losing four front teeth and fracturing his nose.

Looking ahead to Round 8, Juventus will aim to put their Chievo frustration behind them when they host Genoa. The Bianconeri will be without winger Emanuele Giaccherini, who had to go off in Verona. Alberto Malesani is under pressure at Genoa following a three match winless run. Their match last Sunday ended with

a chorus of boos from the stands.

Napoli will back up from their 1-1 draw in the Champions League against Bayern Munich with a tricky match at high-flying Cagliari. The Azzurri are learning how difficult it is to compete on both fronts, but cannot afford to slip-up once again. Their Champions League counterparts, Milan and Inter, take on Lecce and Chievo respectively. Inter defeated Lille 1-0 on Tuesday night in France, but must be wary of a tactically solid Chievo. President Massimo Moratti admits the Nerazzurri are experiencing a difficult moment: "I'd say so but I firmly believe that the foundations are in place for us to do better. We do have to pick ourselves up, that's for sure."

Fiorentina kick off the round against Catania. Sinisa Mihajlovic's men are without a win in two matches but defender Alessandro Gamberini does not believe criticism aimed at the coach is correct: "It is absolutely unjust, he is doing a great job with Fiorentina right from last season when he had so many problems. Mihajlovic has brought character and identity to the team."

Roma will be hoping to bounce back from their derby disappointment when they host travel strugglers Palermo, with Francesco Totti a chance to return. Meanwhile, Lazio faces an away clash at rejuvenated Bologna and Udinese welcomes Novara to the Stadio Friuli. Parma, buoyed by their Naples triumph, will take on Atalanta. Finally, Siena hosts a Cesena side still searching for their first win of the campaign.

In one final piece of news, it was revealed by Juventus their talismanic leader Del Piero will leave the club at the end of the season when his contract expires. He will either retire or play overseas for a season, but is expected to join the club in some sort of capacity in the future.

Viva Espana



Pepe Lopez

Controversial Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho has rubbished reports speculating the possibility of becoming the new coach of the Portuguese National Team; "It's a big lie. It makes no sense. It has become clear to me, to the Federation and to Madrid that is impossible".

Mourinho has polarised his popularity during his time with Real Madrid, whilst many Real Madrid supporters have taken to his unique style of management, many more non-supporters have lost respect for the coach who has literally accused UEFA and Spanish FA Authorities of a conspiracy against him, and been the aggressor in an eye gouging incident with Barcelona's Assistant Coach Tito Vilanova.

Real Madrid Director of Institutional Relations Emilio Butragueno also recently spoke of a long term appointment for Jose. "Mourinho has a strong and overwhelming personality. He has incredible energy and denounces things he thinks are unfair... He has a four year contract and this is his second year. We believe he is a magnificent coach and he is used to withstanding pressure. He's shown he can bring the best out of his men and earn results. He has two seasons left here and we hope he stays on. Stability is always good, so it would be great news if he stayed longer."

Jose Mourinho has his charm. The list of famous Mourinho quotes are well documented, and the man recently added to his collection in rebuttle to the

incident with Tito Vilanova. "With all the stones thrown at me, you could build a monument." Some regard Mourinho as the best coach in the world. Jose's story is an interesting one, his sharp, ruthless killer instinct was evidently ingrained in Jose from an early age. The son of a professional footballer who earned 1 Portuguese International Cap, and a professional coach. Jose was just 10 years old, when his father received news at Christmas Day lunch, that he had been sacked.

Mourinho did play professional football, but his passion was always in coaching. After a few coaching roles for lower division clubs in Portugal, Jose was hired by English Coach Sir Bobby Robson, purely as a translator at Sporting Lisbon. Robson was so impressed with Jose's ability to understand and dictate, Robson later hired Mourinho as an assistant coach at future clubs FC Porto and Barcelona. Despite learning the Catalan language and being an Assistant at Barcelona FC, Mourinho has in recent years fallen out of favour with Barcelona and vice-versa. The rivalry has developed as Jose has constantly battled the Catalan club in the European Champions League, as coach of Chelsea, Inter Milan and now Real Madrid.

Jose, when coach of Chelsea v Barcelona in the Champions League (2006);
- **"Barcelona is a cultural city with many great theatres and this boy (Messi) has learned very well. He's learned play-acting."**

Jose, when coach of Real Madrid v Barcelona in the Champions League (2011);
- **"I have to train with 10 men, how to play with 10 men, because I go there (Nou Camp) with Chelsea, I finish with 10, I go there with Inter, I finish with 10..."**

Olympiakos surprise Dortmund to clinch much needed victory

Balkan Wrap



Alex Milic

Serbia

League action resumed last week with the frontrunners continuing their fine start to the season. Red Star put five past helpless Metalac with Brazilian midfielder Cadu grabbing a double.

Partizan however remains two points ahead of its arch rival after another win and once more failing to concede as they eased past Spartak with two Zvonimir Vukic goals. Red Star should have no troubles getting the points at home to Novi Pazar in Round 9 this weekend while Partizan takes on Javor a club they always seem to have trouble against.

Following the failure to qualify for the European Championships, Vladimir Petrovic is no longer the Manager of the Serbian National Team as his contract was terminated by the Serbian FA. His Assistant and former Javor Manager Radovan Curcic will be the caretaker coach until the FA has found a suitable replacement. The favourite for the hot seat is former

Ghana and Qatar Manager Milovan Rajevac.

Ivan Jovanovic's APOEL has made a fantastic start to its UEFA Champions League campaign with five points from three matches. The Cypriots overcame Zenit at home and took valuable points away to Shakhtar and FC Porto. Jovanovic was named Cypriot Manager of the Year four times by the CFA and has won eight domestic trophies with APOEL. The former FK Rad player should be considered for the top job by the Serbian FA.

Croatia

The National Team will take on rivals Turkey in the upcoming Euro 2012 Play-offs which will determine who will be part of the 16 team tournament and who will not.

The two nations played a memorable Quarter Final in 2008 with Croatia all but assured a place in the Semis having scored in the 119th minute were denied 60 seconds later and penalties doomed for the Croats in which they missed three of their four attempts and thus ending their tournament. It will be a chance for revenge for the Croats who are looking at qualifying for their straight Euro Finals.

Dinamo Zagreb failed to produce any spark in a 2:0 home loss against Ajax in Zagreb.

This is their third straight loss in the



Francois Modesto in action for Olympiakos of Greece in their 3-1 UEFA Champions League win over Germany's Borussia Dortmund.

UEFA Champions League with the club on bottom of Group D without a single point. The matches with Ajax were seen as the best chance the Croatian Champions would have in securing a third place finish and a place in the Europa League Round of 32.

Only four points separate the top in the Croatian League following Dinamo's shock loss to Zadar. Begonja and Sentini cancelled out Beciraj's opener as the Croatian Champions slumped to their first defeat in the league this season. Hajduk kept the pressure on the league leaders with a convincing 3:1 win over Osijek with

a double from Croatia U/21 captain Ante Vukusic. Socceroos hopeful Steven Lustic played 45 minutes for Hajduk, the 20 year old has played six games so far this season.

In Round 12 Hajduk is away to newcomers Lucko while Dinamo has a stern test against Rijeka in the derby match of the round.

Greece

Olympiakos won its first match of this season UEFA Champions League following a fantastic 3:1 victory over German Champions Borussia Dortmund.

Goals to Holebas, Djebbour and

Modesto gave the home side something to cheer up about after two defeats in the opening rounds.

"It was like a cup final for us because we wanted to get the three points to stay in the competition and we managed to do that. Now we have renewed hope and we'll have to see if we can continue this in the next game in Germany. It is a very nice feeling to score at home in front of our fans; it really was an electric atmosphere tonight and it's great to be able to score in such a game. I'm very proud to score my first goal in the Champions League." Rafik Djebbour, Olympiacos forward said

"Every game is different. You start with different tactics and those can often change during the game as we saw Dortmund do tonight, switching players from different positions to try and get back into it. The important thing for us is that the coach has confidence in us and our game plan and in turn this helps us to play more confidently." Djebbour added.

In the Europa League AEK Athens takes on Lokomotiv Moskva needing a win if they are to stay with a chance of reaching the next stage. The Greek Cup Winners lost its opening two matches of the competition and a win is a must for the side. PAOK drew both of their opening two matches and will look to add three points to the two they have when they take on Irish

side Shamrock Rovers in Salonika.

In the Greek League Olympiakos remains on top after only four matches and with two matches less than PAOK and Atromitos which also shares top spot with ten points. Arch rivals Panathinaikos is also on top points after four matches, they take on Egrotelis over the weekend while Olympiakos is away to Panionios.

Turkey

Fenerbahce is on top of the Turkish League following six rounds with a three point advantage over rivals Galatasaray and Istanbul BB.

Galatasaray overcame Bursaspor in the derby match of the round with goals to former English Premier League strikers Johan Elmander and Milan Baros. Fenerbahce overcame Mersin on the road 2:1.

Socceroos hopeful James Troisi scored in Kayserispor's big 2:0 away win over Besiktas. Kayserispor is currently in 13th position with seven points from six matches.

In Round Seven Antalyaspor hosts Galatasaray, Fenerbahce takes on Samsunspor. Troisi's Kayserispor welcomes Sivasspor while the derby match of the Round is between Trabzonspor and Bursaspor.

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ENGLAND EPL



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Manchester City	8	7	1	0	27	6	+21	22	WWWDW
2 Manchester United	8	6	2	0	25	6	+19	20	DWDWW
3 Chelsea	8	6	1	1	20	9	+11	19	WWWLW
4 Newcastle United	8	4	4	0	11	6	+5	16	DW added
5 Liverpool	8	4	2	2	11	9	+2	14	DWWLL
6 Tottenham Hotspur	7	4	1	2	13	12	+1	13	DWWWW
7 Stoke City	8	3	3	2	6	8	-2	12	WLDLW
8 Aston Villa	8	2	5	1	10	9	+1	11	LW added
9 Norwich City	8	3	2	3	10	11	-1	11	WLWWL
10 Arsenal	8	3	1	4	12	17	-5	10	WLWLW
11 Queens Park Ra...	8	2	3	3	6	14	-8	9	DL added
12 West Bromwich ...	8	2	2	4	7	10	-3	8	W added
13 Swansea City	8	2	2	4	7	12	-5	8	LWLWL
14 Fulham	8	1	4	3	10	9	+1	7	LW added
15 Everton	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7	LLLWD
16 Wolverhampton ...	8	2	1	5	6	12	-6	7	LLLLL
17 Sunderland	8	1	3	4	10	10	+0	6	LDLWL
18 Bolton Wanderers	8	2	0	6	12	22	-10	6	WLLLW
19 Wigan Athletic	8	1	2	5	6	14	-8	5	LLLLL
20 Blackburn Rovers	8	1	2	5	9	18	-9	5	DLLWD

GERMANY Bundesliga



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Bayern MÜNchen	9	7	1	1	25	1	+24	22	WD added
2 Borussia M'gl'a...	9	5	2	2	11	6	+5	17	DL added
3 Borussia Dortmund	9	5	1	3	15	7	+8	16	WW added
4 Stuttgart	9	5	1	3	14	6	+8	16	WW added
5 Werder Bremen	9	5	1	3	16	12	+4	16	LL added
6 Schalke 04	9	5	0	4	18	15	+3	15	LW added
7 Hannover 96	9	4	3	2	11	12	-1	15	LD added
8 Bayer Leverkusen	9	4	2	3	12	13	-1	14	DW added
9 Hoffenheim	9	4	1	4	12	9	+3	13	LD added
10 Köln	9	4	1	4	15	18	-3	13	WL added
11 Hertha BSC	9	3	3	3	12	13	-1	12	LW added
12 Wolfsburg	9	4	0	5	11	16	-5	12	WL added
13 Nürnberg	9	3	2	4	10	12	-2	11	LD added
14 Kaiserslautern	9	2	2	5	7	13	-6	8	WL added
15 Mainz 05	9	2	2	5	12	19	-7	8	LD added
16 Augsburg	9	1	4	4	7	16	-9	7	WL added
17 Freiburg	9	2	1	6	14	24	-10	7	LL added
18 Hamburger SV	9	2	1	6	11	21	-10	7	WL added

THE CHAMPIONSHIP



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Southampton	12	8	2	2	27	13	+14	26	WD added
2 West Ham United	12	6	3	3	22	11	+11	21	LW added
3 Middlesbrough	12	5	6	1	14	8	+6	21	LD added
4 Derby County	12	6	3	3	17	14	+3	21	DD added
5 Crystal Palace	12	6	2	4	17	12	+5	20	WW added
6 Ipswich Town	12	6	2	4	18	19	-1	20	WD added
7 Peterborough U...	12	6	1	5	24	19	+5	19	WW added
8 Blackpool	12	5	4	3	18	14	+4	19	WL added
9 Leicester City	12	5	4	3	15	11	+4	19	WD added
10 Brighton & Hov...	12	5	4	3	17	15	+2	19	DD added
11 Leeds United	11	5	3	3	21	16	+5	18	DW added
12 Hull City	11	5	3	3	9	9	+0	18	DD added
13 Cardiff City	12	4	5	3	18	16	+2	17	LD added
14 Reading	12	4	4	4	14	13	+1	16	DW added
15 Barnsley	12	3	6	3	11	11	+0	15	WL added
16 Birmingham City	9	4	2	3	15	13	+2	14	WW added
17 Burnley	11	3	3	5	13	15	-2	12	LL added
18 Portsmouth	12	3	3	6	12	14	-2	12	LW added
19 Coventry City	12	2	5	5	9	14	-5	11	DW added
20 Nottingham Forest	12	3	2	7	12	22	-10	11	LL added
21 Watford	12	2	4	6	9	20	-11	10	LL added
22 Millwall	12	1	6	5	9	16	-7	9	DD added
23 Doncaster Rovers	12	2	2	8	7	19	-12	8	LL added
24 Bristol City	12	1	3	8	9	23	-14	6	LL added

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Wednesday, 19 October 2011 Npower Championship Leicester 2-0 Watford Npower League One Preston 2-4 Sheffield Utd Tuesday, 18 October 2011 Npower Championship Barnsley 2-0 Burnley Blackpool 2-1 Doncaster Crystal Palace 1-0 Bristol City Ipswich 1-0 Portsmouth Leeds 1-1 Coventry Millwall 1-1 Brighton Nott'm Forest 2-0 Middlesbrough Peterborough 4-3 Cardiff Reading 2-2 Derby Southampton 1-0 West Ham Scottish Second Division Dumbarton 2-1 Albion Friendly Match Rangers 1-0 Liverpool Sunday, 16 October 2011 Barclays Premier League Arsenal 2-1 Sunderland Newcastle 2-2 Tottenham West Brom 2-0 Wolverhampton	Npower Championship Birmingham 2-0 Leicester Npower League One Sheffield Utd 2-2 Sheffield Wed Saturday, 15 October 2011 Barclays Premier League Chelsea 3-1 Everton Liverpool 1-1 Man Utd Man City 4-1 Aston Villa Norwich 3-1 Swansea QPR 1-1 Blackburn Stoke 2-0 Fulham Wigan 1-3 Bolton Npower Championship Brighton 0-0 Hull Bristol City 1-2 Peterborough Burnley 0-1 Reading Cardiff 2-2 Ipswich Coventry 1-0 Nott'm Forest Derby 1-1 Southampton Middlesbrough 1-1 Millwall Portsmouth 2-0 Barnsley Watford 0-2 Crystal Palace West Ham 4-0 Blackpool Npower League One Brentford 0-0 Scunthorpe	Chesterfield 1-3 Notts County Exeter 0-4 Huddersfield Hartlepool 1-3 Wycombe Leyton Orient 1-0 Bury MK Dons 2-2 Bournemouth Rochdale 2-2 Colchester Stevenage 1-0 Charlton Tranmere 1-0 Oldham Walsall 1-0 Preston Yeovil 0-3 Carlisle Npower League Two Accrington Stanley 0-2 Swindon AFC Wimbledon 1-3 Crewe Barnet 2-1 Aldershot Crawley Town 2-1 Shrewsbury Dag & Red 2-3 Plymouth Hereford 2-0 Bradford Macclesfield 1-1 Oxford Utd Southend 1-1 Morecambe Torquay 2-5 Gillingham Clydesdale Bank Premier League Aberdeen 3-1 Dundee Utd Dunfermline 0-2 Hearts Hibernian 0-1 Motherwell Kilmarnock 3-3 Celtic Rangers 1-1 St Mirren St Johnstone 2-0 Inverness CT Scottish First Division	Ayr 0-0 Livingston Dundee 1-2 Ross County Falkirk 1-0 Queen of South Morton 0-2 Hamilton Raith Rovers 2-0 Partick Thistle Scottish Second Division Albion 0-3 East Fife Brechin 1-1 Airdrie Utd Cowdenbeath 2-0 Stirling Forfar 1-1 Arbroath Stenhousemuir 3-1 Dumbarton Scottish Third Division Alloa 1-1 Berwick Annan Athletic 1-1 Elgin Clyde 7-1 East Stirling Peterhead 1-3 Stranraer Queen's Park 3-1 Montrose Friday, 14 October 2011 Npower Championship Doncaster 0-3 Leeds	Barcelona 3 - 0 Racing Santander Granada 0 - 0 Atlético Madrid Rayo Vallecano 0 - 1 Espanyol Real Zaragoza 2 - 0 Real Sociedad Levante 3 - 0 Málaga Sevilla 2 - 1 Sporting Gijón Athletic Club 3 - 1 Osasuna ITALY Cesena 0 - 0 Fiorentina Atalanta 0 - 0 Udinese Cagliari 0 - 0 Siena Chievo 0 - 0 Juventus Genoa 0 - 0 Lecce Novara 0 - 2 Bologna Lazio 2 - 1 Roma GERMANY Werder Bremen 0 - 2Borussia Dortmund Borussia M'gl'a... 2 - 2 Bayer Leverkusen Wolfsburg 2 - 1 Nürnberg Stuttgart 2 - 0 Hoffenheim Mainz 05 0 - 1 Augsburg Bayern München 4 - 0Hertha BSC Schalke 04 1 - 2 Kaiserslautern Freiburg 1 - 2 Hamburger SV Köln 2 - 0Hannover 96
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Euro Results

SPAIN
Real Madrid 4 - 1Real Betis
Getafe 0 - 0 Villarreal
Mallorca 1 - 1 Valencia

ITALY Serie A



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Juventus	6	3	3	0	9	3	+6	12	DW added
2 Udinese	6	3	3	0	7	1	+6	12	DW added
3 Cagliari	6	3	2	1	8	5	+3	11	DW added
4 Lazio	6	3	2	1	9	7	+2	11	WW added
5 Napoli	6	3	1	2	10	5	+5	10	LW added
6 Palermo	6	3	1	2	9	9	+0	10	LW added
7 Chievo	6	2	3	1	6	5	+1	9	DD added
8 Catania	6	2	3	1	7	8	-1	9	WD added
9 Parma	6	3	0	3	8	11	-3	9	WW added
10 Fiorentina	6	2	2	2	6	4	+2	8	LD added
11 Genoa	6	2	2	2	9	8	+1	8	DL added
12 Roma	6	2	2	2	7	6	+1	8	LW added
13 Milan	6	2	2	2	8	8	+0	8	WL added
14 Siena	6	1	3	2	4	4	+0	6	DL added
15 Atalanta	6	3	2	1	8	7	+1	5	DL added
16 Novara	6	1	2	3	10	12	-2	5	LD added
17 Inter	6	1	1	4	8	13	-5	4	LL added
18 Bologna	6	1	1	4	4	10	-6	4	WL added
19 Lecce	6	1	1	4	3	9	-6	4	DL added
20 Cesena	6	0	2	4	2	7	-5	2	DL added

SCOTLAND SPL



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Rangers	11	9	2	0	23	4	+19	29	DW added
2 Motherwell	11	7	1	3	14	13	+1	22	WW added
3 Celtic	10	6	1	3	21	11	+10	19	DL added
4 Heart of Midlo...	11	5	3	3	13	6	+7	18	WW added
5 St. Johnstone	11	5	3	3	15	10	+5	18	WW added
6 St. Mirren	11	3	4	4	9	10	-1	13	DL added
7 Aberdeen	11	3	3	5	11	12	-1	12	WL added
8 Kilmarnock	11	2	5	4	15	18	-3	11	DL added
9 Dundee United	11	2	4	5	15	22	-7	10	LD added
10 Hibernian	10	2	3	6	11	19	-8	9	LL added
11 Dunfermline At...	11	2	3	5	11	22	-11	9	LL added
12 Inverness CT	11	2	2	7	10	21	-11	8	LL added

LEAGUE TWO



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 Crawley Town	13	9	1	3	24	18	+6	28	WW added
2 Southend United	13	8	2	3	22	13	+9	26	DW added
3 Oxford United	13	6	5	2	18	11	+7	23	DW added
4 Cheltenham Town	13	7	2	4	20	15	+5	23	WW added
5 Shrewsbury Town	13	7	2	4	19	16	+3	23	LW added
6 AFC Wimbledon	13	7	2	4	23	21	+2	23	LW added
7 Morecambe	13	6	4	3	24	12	+12	22	LD added
8 Port Vale	13	6	4	3	28	18	+10	22	WD added
9 Gillingham	13	6	3	4	25	17	+8	21	WD added
10 Burton Albion	13	5	5	3	17	16	+1	20	LW added
11 Swindon Town	13	6	1	6	22	15	+7	19	WD added
12 Macclesfield Town	13	5	3	5	17	14	+3	18	DW added
13 Rotherham United	13	5	3	5	23	24	-1	18	LL added
14 Bristol Rovers	13	5	3	5	19	22	-3	18	WL added
15 Crewe Alexandra	13	5	1	7	17	19	-2	16	WL added
16 Torquay United	13	3	6	4	18	21	-3	15	LD added
17 Northampton Town	13	4	3	6	14	18	-4	15	LL added
18 Accrington Stanley	13	3	6	4	13	18	-5	15	LD added
19 Aldershot Town	13	4	2	7	12	15	-3	14	LL added
20 Dagenham & Red...	13	4	1	8	12	18	-6	13	LL added
21 Barnet	13	3	3	7	16	26	-10	12	WLLL
22 Bradford City	13	2	4	7	16	22	-6	10	LD added
23 Hereford United	13	2	4	7	9	24	-15	10	WD added
24 Plymouth Argyle	13	2	2	9	10	25	-15	8	WD added

One Game At A Time

France

Saturday, 22 October 2011
Bordeaux v Brest
Caen v Montpellier
Marseille v AC Ajaccio
Nancy v Nice
Sochaux v Evian Thonon Gaillard
St Etienne v Valenciennes
Lorient v Toulouse
Sunday, 23 October 2011
Auxerre v Rennes

Germany

Friday, 21 October 2011
Augsburg v Werder Bremen
Saturday, 22 October 2011
Borussia Dortmund v Cologne
FC Kaiserslautern v SC Freiburg
Hertha Berlin v Mainz
Nuremberg v VfB Stuttgart
TSG Hoffenheim v Borussia M'gladbach
Hamburg v Wolfsburg
Sunday, 23 October 2011
Bayer Leverkusen v Schalke 04
Hannover 96 v Bayern Munich

Italy

Saturday, 22 October 2011
Fiorentina v Catania
Juventus v Genoa
Sunday, 23 October 2011
Lecce v AC Milan
Cagliari v Napoli
Inter Milan v Chievo
Parma v Atalanta
Roma v Palermo
Siena v Cesena
Udinese v Novara
Bologna v Lazio
Tuesday, 25 October 2011
Juventus v Fiorentina

England EPL

Saturday, 22 October 2011
Wolverhampton v Swansea
Aston Villa v West Brom
Bolton v Sunderland
Newcastle v Wigan
Liverpool v Norwich
Sunday, 23 October 2011
Arsenal v Stoke
Fulham v Everton
Man Utd v Man City
Blackburn v Tottenham
QPR v Chelsea

The Championship

Saturday, 22 October 2011
Peterborough v Leeds
Blackpool v Nott'm Forest
Cardiff v Barnsley
Coventry v Burnley
Hull v Watford
Ipswich v Crystal Palace
Leicester v Millwall
Middlesbrough v Derby
Portsmouth v Doncaster
Reading v Southampton
Sunday, 23 October 2011
Bristol City v Birmingham
Monday, 24 October 2011
Brighton v West Ham
Wednesday, 26 October 2011
Birmingham v Leeds

Scotland

Saturday, 22 October 2011
Motherwell v Kilmarnock
Dundee Utd v St Johnstone
Inverness CT v Dunfermline
St Mirren v Hibernian
Sunday, 23 October 2011
Hearts v Rangers
Celtic v Aberdeen

Greece

Saturday, 22 October 2011
Asteras Tripoli v FC Xanthi
Atromitos v Giannina
Panathinaikos v Ergotelis
Sunday, 23 October 2011
OFI Crete v AEK Athens
Panionios v Olympiakos
Aris Salonika v PAOK Salonika

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